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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Schenck retires.

—Clara Morris is said to be dying.

—Dana goes to the Court of St. James.

—Babcock retires from the White House.

—The Italian Parliament was opened yesterday.

—Winslow starts for home on March twenty-first.

—Evans steps down and out as post-trader at Fort Sill.

—The Senate took another turn on the finances yesterday.

—Col. Fred. Grant has been ordered to do regular duty on the plains.

—Two hundred horses have been entered for the spring races at Louisville.

—Attorney General Pierrepont tells us something more about that circular letter this morning.

—The conference between the boilers and manufacturers last night did not settle the difference between them.

—Albert Grant says he will come home and make a statement. In effect, his statement will be that Lyon told a square-toed lie.

—The death of Peter Helfrich, which has caused so much excitement in Allegheny, within the past few days, is still shrouded in mystery.

—The appraisement of the estate of Singer, the sewing machine man, has just been completed, and shows an aggregate of personal property valued at $8,000,000

—It is now said that Marsh is not an essential witness; and if he chooses not to come back from Canada, Gen. Belknap can still be convicted by the confession he made.

—A petition, whose signatures include many of New York's wealthy merchants, has been sent to Washington, urging the amendment rather than the repeal of the Bankrupt act.

—Centennial patriotism did not reach a fever heat in the House at Harrisburg yesterday. The bill appropriating $20,000 to erect a State building for Centennial purposes was indefinitely postponed.

—The settlers and Indians in the neighborhood of Fort Fetterman have been skirmishing during the past two or three days. The Indians thus far have fared the worst, and have lost one hundred head of horses.

—Disreali has been chosen as a Fellow of the Royal Society, and there is a breeze about it in England, as that honor has heretofore not usually been bestowed upon any except those who have been eminent in science.

—During the month of February 79 new wells were completed in the oil regions, principally in Butler and Clarion counties, and there was a considerable increase in developments. Ninety-two wells are being drilled now and will be finished, it is thought, in March.

—The Supreme Court yesterday, in the Jones case,—wherein the managers of Mount Moriah cemetery, refused to allow the body of a colored man to be interred in the cemetery—affirmed the decision of the lower court and ordered the managers to permit the burial in the cemetery.

—There is considerable disagreement in the British Parliament regarding the propriety of Queen Victoria assuming the title of Empress of India. Mr. Disraeli and the ultra Tories are in favor of augmenting the royal style, but Mr. Lowe and most of the Liberals take a different view, foreseeing that the new title may lead to endless perplexity and confusion.

—The revolutionists in Mexico are reported to be rapidly gaining strength. The people of Texas, along the Mexican border, are apprehensive of trouble to themselves, and many have removed their valuables to a place of safety. Diaz is king for Matamoras. Pera has entered Carmargo and levied a tax upon the citizens. Colonel Perratt has arrived at Matamoras to reinforce the troops there.

—Don Carlos is safe in London. He has not given it up. He is only falling back to get a good start next time. The Duke of Modena's legacy will enable him to take life pretty comfortably while he is waiting for "it" to come to him. The only unfortunates whom he has left in Spain with no other legacy than poverty, desolation and death may not view the situation quite so cheerfully, in spite of his encouraging proclamation.

—By formally annexing Khokand, the Russian Empire adds to its vast territory a fertile province with about 3,000,000 people. The Russian outposts will henceforth be in a dangerous proximity to Kashgar, and will likewise be within 225 miles of the East Indian frontier. It will doubtless be deemed significant in Russia and the East that the new territory be called Ferghana —the name of the kingdom whence Baber set out to conquer Hindostan and found the great Mogul dynasty.

—The average American is a little too high strung. The essential principle involved in the Belknap case finds expression in the unquestionable fact that there is no proper-minded American who does not reject with scorn a ten-cent cigar or a fifteen-cent drink of whisky, proudly buying the same cigar out of another box for fifteen cents and paying twenty cents for the same whisky in another bottle; no wonder the bar-keepers wear faces as grave as those of so many Roman augurs.

—The New York *Times* gives these figures: "At the close of the year 1873 the liabilities to depositors of the savings banks of this State were $285,520,085. At the close of last year, as it appears from the official tables we print this morning, the liabilities to depositors are $329,091,508 an increase of $34,571,423 in two years, and those the two years of hard times. Their aggregage resources have increased from $307,580,730 to $365,663,532. It is evident from this comparison that the partial derangement of trade and industry which undoubtedly exists in this State is not due to any scarcity of money or of loanable capital."

—The affidavit to the effect that Col. O. E. Mack, the Inspector of National Cemeteries, received $1,500 for his interest in examining a contract for gravestones, was made by a discharged officer who had had trouble with the War Department. It is said that the War Department was absolutely powerless to do what he desired to have done, and because it would not interfere to his private advantage, it is believed that he has framed this affidavit against one of its most trusted officers. No officer in the army stands higher than Col. Mack for absolute honesty and integrity, and there is not a person in Washington or in the army, acquainted with him, who will give the least consideration to the affidavit.

—Since the citizens of Chicago refuse to pay their taxes, the Common Council have, perforce, engaged in the unwelcome job of seeing where they could retrench in the city expenses. Unfortunately for the youth of that place, the Councilors began at the wrong end, and made a most unmerciful reduction in the appropriations for the public schools. Only about one hour was necessary to razee the list and strike off all the estimates for new buildings, which were stated to be absolutely necessary for the proper promotion of common school education. This broadaxing was followed by additional hacking and hewing, until the total estimate for school purposes had been reduced $177,800, when the gallant Aldermen stayed their hands.

POST TRADERSHIPS.

Statement by a Former Clerk of Evans & Co.—How Orville Grant Managed the Sutlerships.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—A young man named J. A. Brown was arrested here on Saturday night on advices from Washington to hold him as a witness and called for by the Committee on Investigation in the War Department. He was put in a cab in boose under a misapprehension of the order from Washington, but was released yesterday, and will hold himself ready to answer a summons from the committee. It appears Brown was the clerk a few years ago for Evans & Smith, subsequently Evans & Co., at the Cheyenne agency, in the Indian Territory, and knows a good deal about the relations of Evans & Co. with Marsh and Belknap. He says Evans & Smith paid $5,000 annually for the Cheyenne agency, and Evans & Co. $10,000 for Fort Sill. He corroborates the statement of Doctor Terry, previously reported, regarding Orville Grant's connection with Belknap, and says Evans & Smith obtained the Cheyenne agency from Grant; that Grant represented Belknap in the disposition of sutlerships, and when he could not get his price for them he would stock them with goods and run the business himself. He kept himself thoroughly posted regarding the business done at various points, and no trader could deceive him by misrepresentation. He always knew, therefore, the exact value of each post, and made sutlers come to his terms. Brown says he knows several persons who could give valuable information regarding the post tradersships, and would willingly do so but for fear of being prosecuted themselves.

Annual Report of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. for 1875.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—The annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for 1875 will be made public to-morrow, showing that the gross earnings of the company, all lines, were $58,090,865; gross expenses, excluding rentals, interest, dividends, &c., $36,574,140; net earnings, $21,522,724. The report states that the company is now, for the first time in its history of twenty-nine years, without any floating debt, and had on deposit to its credit on January, 1876, a total of $4,924,918. A new passenger station is to be erected at West Philadelphia.

FIRST EDITION.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

Letter from the Pittsburgh Humane Society.

COAL MINERS AND MINING.

Mr. Long Corrects Some Reflections of Miners.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 6, 1876.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eight o'clock, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Latta in the chair. The entire evening was occupied by bills on first reading.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met at 7:30 o'clock.

Petitions.

From citizens of Crawford county, asking compensation to be fixed for county officers not exceeding two thousand dollars.

By Mr. THORNTON, petitions of miners praying for the passage of the ventilation bill.

Also a petition from citizens of Pittsburgh asking for increased jurisdiction for aldermen.

Legislative Fraternal Reunion.

A joint resolution was offered that the members of the Senate and House meet in fraternal reunion in Philadelphia the coming summer.

The following amendment to the above was offered: That both branches of the Legislature assemble at Memorial Hall on the tenth day of May, 1876, and participate in the opening ceremonies of the American Centennial anniversary. Referred to the Centennial Committee.

Pamphlet Laws.

A resolution was adopted ordering the printing of eight thousand copies of pamphlet laws.

Cruelty to Animals.

A letter was read from the Pittsburgh Humane Society in reference to the bill for the punishment of cruelty to animals in the Commonwealth, urging the passage of the same.

State Centennial Building.

Mr. IRWIN offered a resolution that the Senate be requested to return to the House the supplementary act providing for the appointment of a State Board of Centennial Managers, and to defray the expenses thereof.

Mr. IRWIN stated that he desired to recall the bill, as no doubt many members voted under a misapprehension, as the bill appropriated $40,000 when $20,000 was amply sufficient to erect a State building for Centennial purposes.

Quite a discussion followed the introduction of the resolution, when it was finally indefinitely postponed—yeas 72, nays 64.

Special Sessions.

Mr. PIPER offered a resolution that the House hold special sessions each Thursday evening, when, upon the call of counties, special or private bills may be called and considered out of their regular order. Not agreed to.

The Coal Miners.

Mr. LONG arose to a question of privilege, and had the Clerk read a resolution of the meeting of coal miners of Allegheny county reflecting upon himself and others, charging him and them with misstating facts about the number of deaths resulting from explosions of fire damp in drift mines in Western Pennsylvania. He stated in reply that he never alleged that no lives had been lost in such a way, but simply asked for information on the subject. He was also asked the same question of a member of the Coal Exchange while speaking in this hall, and was informed that in forty years' experience he only knew of one life being lost in a drift mine in our county from such an explosion. This was stated by Mr. O'Neill, and his information ought to be correct.

Mr. LONG denounced the resolution, so far as he was concerned, as a fabrication. He had made no such statement that lives were never lost in our mines from explosions.

Hours of Meeting.

Mr. REICHARD moved that hereafter special sessions be held on Thursday evenings to consider appropriation bills. A motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed—yeas 71, nays 56.

A resolution was adopted that the House hereafter hold sessions from 10 to 1, and in the afternoon from 3 to 6.

Forney's Centennial Experience in Europe.

Mr. TALLEY, from the special committee to confer with Hon. John W. Forney to have him deliver his address upon the subject of "Centennial Experience in Europe," reported that they had received a favorable response, and arrangements were made accordingly for that distinguished gentleman to deliver his address in the hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday evening, March 14, 1876, at 7:30. It is thought that the crowd wishing to hear him will be so large that arrangements will be made by the Legislative Committee to secure the Grand Opera House for the occasion.

Limiting Business.

A resolution was offered that no bills be read in place after March 13th.

The above resolution was read the first time, when the House refused to have it read the second time, when it would properly come before them for consideration.

Pending the discussion on the same the House adjourned. K.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

Speech by Senator Sherman on the Finances.

His Reasons Why the Specie Resumption Act Should Not be Repealed.

The Whisky Trials at St. Louis to be Investigated.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1876.

SENATE.

Impeachment of Belknap.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Select Committee to which was referred the resolution and message from the House of Representatives in regard to the impeachment of W. W. Belknap, late Secretary of War, reported a preamble and resolution, declaring that the Senate will take an order in the premises according to its standing rule, and directing the Secretary to notify the House of Representatives. Agreed to.

The Finance Question.

After the expiration of the morning hour Mr. SHERMAN called up the resolution of the New York Chamber of Commerce, presented last week, and spoke in regard thereto.

Mr. SHERMAN, in his speech, which was long and comprehensive, took strong ground against any repeal of the resumption act of 1875. He said, passing from the consideration of public honor, there are many reasons of public policy which forbid repeal. That act was generally regarded as a settlement of the financial policy by which at least the party in power is bound, and upon the faith of which business men have conducted their affairs and made their contracts. Debts have been contracted and paid with the expectation that at the time fixed the gold standard would measure all obligations, and a repeal of the act would now reopen all the wild and dangerous speculation schemes that feed and fatten upon depreciated paper money. The influence that secures this repeal will not stop here. If we can recall our promise to pay our notes outstanding, why should we not issue more? If we can disregard our promise to pay them, why shall we regard our promise not to issue more than four hundred million dollars, as stipulated for by the act of 1864? If we can reopen the question of the payment of our notes, why may we not reopen the question as to the payment of our bonds? Is the act of 1869 any more sacred than the act of 1875? And if we can reopen these questions, why not reopen the laws requiring the payment of either interest or principal of the public debt? They rest upon acts of Congress, which we have the power to repeal. If public honor cannot protect our promise to the note holder, how shall it protect our promise to the bond holder? Already do we see advocated in high places, by numerous and formidable organizations, all forms of repudiation, which, if adopted, would reduce our nation to the credit of a robber chief, worse than the credit of an Algerine pirate, who at least would not plunder his own countrymen. And if a public creditor has no safety, what chance would national banks, creations of our own and subject to our own will, have in Congress? It has already been proposed to confiscate their bonds, premium and all, as a mode of paying their notes with greenbacks. What expedient so easy? If we would make money cheap and abundant, or if so extreme a measure could be arrested, what is to prevent the permanent debasement of gold as a measure of value and the substitution of an interconvertible currency bond bearing 3.65 per cent. interest as a standard of value? And when it becomes too expensive to print the notes to pay interest, reduce the note. Why not? Why pay 3.65 per cent. when it is easier to print 3? It is but an act of Congress, and when the process of repudiation goes so far that your notes will not buy bread, why, then declare against all interest, and then, after passing through the valley of humiliation, return again to barter and honor and gold again.

Speaking of the need of confidence, Mr. SHERMAN said it is credit that gives life and competition to trade, and credit is destroyed by every scheme that impairs, delays or even clouds an obligation. An irredeemable and fluctuating currency always raises the rate of interest on money, while a staple currency or an improving currency always reduces the rate of interest. With a depreciated currency, great domestic productions are cut off from a foreign market, for it is impossible that with such a currency we can compete on equal terms with rival nations whose industry rests upon a specie standard. Let us rest our industries on that standard, and soon we could compete in the markets of the world in all the articles produced from iron, wood, leather and cotton, the raw basis of which are our natural productions, and it must be remembered that all countries with which we compete are specie-paying countries. A depreciated and fluctuating currency is a premium and bounty to the broker and money changer, and he gambles and speculates with all the advantages in his favor.

Mr. SHERMAN held that the degree of contraction and the effects of it are greatly exaggerated. The only contraction of currency provided by the act is in the substitution of one form of currency for another. Thus, in place of fractional currency is issued silver currency, and where $100 in bank notes are issued there is retained eighty per cent. of the amount in United States notes.

Various objections to resumption having been considered, Mr. SHERMAN closed by saying that "I will cheerfully vote for a moderate tax on tea and coffee, because this will increase our revenue without adding to the cost of the articles, and be the means of enabling us to repeal other taxes that are both a burden and an inconvenience, and will also strengthen the Treasury. I will gladly vote for the voluntary conversion of a limited amount of United States notes into bonds, as each of those measures will tend to 'prepare' us for a specie standard, but each of these measures, and others that may be proper, are not, in my judgment, indispensable to the full and complete execution of the law of 1875 on or before the first day of January, 1879."

Payment of Duties in Legal Tender.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sherman's speech Mr. BOGY called up the bill introduced by him early in the session authorizing the payment of duties on imports in legal tender and National bank notes.

Mr. BOGY said he believed the law providing for resumption on January 1, 1879, to be founded on error from the beginning to end, and will, if not repealed, involve the country in great financial distress. He contended that the way to resume is to give value to paper money, which would be reflected by receiving it for duties on importations.

Mr. EATON said unless some Senator more entitled to public attention should soon introduce a bill for the resumption of specie payment, he would take that liberty himself. He referred to the act of last year, and said the great laws of nature were outraged by it. It was enough to talk about specie resumption, but Congress should legislate wisely, taking into consideration the condition of the country and the fact that the United States was the great debtor nation of the world.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Bills Introduced.

Under the call of States, besides many private bills and bills for public works, &c., the following were introduced and referred:

By Mr. RANDALL, to declare the immunity of witnesses for the United States.

By Mr. MORRISON, to exempt from criminal prosecution witnesses testifying before either House of Congress or any committee of the same.

By Mr. WILLIAMS (Mass.), a resolution of the Iowa Legislature proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for members of Congress holding their seats for three years, one-third the number to vacate their seats each year.

By Mr. SLEMMONS, for a continuous line of railway from Norfolk through Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, and localities to the Pacific coast, and to incorporate the Atlanta, Oklohama & Pacific Railway Company.

By Mr. HUSTON, to pension all soldiers of the Mexican war who are over sixty years of age, and all under it as soon as they arrive at that age.

Impeachment of Belknap.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that on the presentation of articles of impeachment against the late Secretary of War, the Senate would, according to its standing rule, proceed to take the proper order thereon, of which due notice would be given to the House.

The Hawaiian Treaty.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Hawaiian Treaty bill, and after discussion rose, without having taken any action.

The Whisky Trials.

Mr. KNOTT, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, offered a resolution for the appointment of a select committee to inquire whether any officer or employe of the Government has in any way advised or counseled with, or directly or indirectly, verbally or in writing, communicated to any of the defendants, of the friends, agents or attorneys of the defendants in the recent whisky conspiracy trials in St. Louis, any of the facts, papers or other evidence on which the Government relied or was expected to rely, and whether any attempt was made by any officer or official of the Government other than the District Attorney and his assistants, to interfere with, advice, counsel or in any way control the conduct of said prosecutions, or any of them, with power to send for persons and papers, &c. Agreed to without objection.

Democratic Legislation.

Mr. SOUTHARD moved to adjourn.

Mr. PAGE asked Mr. Southard to allow him to offer a resolution, which was understood to be in reference to the escape to Canada of Marsh, the witness against the late Secretary of War, but Mr. Southard declined to yield, and insisted on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. PAGE complained that no member on the Republican side was recognized or had any chance to offer a resolution. He demanded the yeas and nays on the motion to adjourn.

The yeas and nays were taken, and the House, by a party vote, adjourned.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

CINCINNATI, March 6, 1876.

River 16 feet; stationary. Fair and warm. Arrived—Hudson, Wheeling; Andy Baum, Memphis.

EVANSVILLE, March 6, 1876.

Cloudy and windy, mercury 58 to 70. River 13 7-10 feet; swelling. Up—Ironsides and tow, 8 A. M.; U. P. Schenck, 6; J.D. Parker and Pat Cleburne, 11; Grey Eagle, 11:30; John A. Wood, 3 P. M.; Bowling Green, 4:30. Down—Sandy No. 2, 2 P.M.; Shinkle, 5—generally with good trips. Business good.

MEMPHIS, March 6, 1876.

The river fell thirty-one inches. Cloudy and blustery during the day; heavy rain late in the afternoon. Arrived—Illinois, Vicksburg. Departed—Scudder and Belle Memphis, the former last night, St. Louis; Colorado, Vicksburg; Tolle, New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS, March 6, 1876.

Arrived—Capitol City and Julia, Vicksburg; Polar Star, Lower River; Etna, Wheeling. Departed—Clinton, Burlington; Ann Stevens, Jefferson City; City of Chester, Memphis. River about stationary. Showery and warm; heavy rain to-night.

CAIRO, March 6, 1876.

Arrived—Eddyville, Nashville, 5 P. M.; City of Vicksburg, Vicksburg. Departed—City of Vicksburg, St. Louis, 8 P. M. River 26 feet 1 inch; falling. Since 9 P. M. rain has been falling.

NASHVILLE, March 6, 1876.

River 4½ feet; falling on shoals. Arrived—Bermuda, Cairo; Hillman, Cairo; Laura L. Davis, Cincinnati; Silverthorn, Evansville; B. H. Cooke, Burkesville. Departed—Bermuda, Cairo; Silverthorn, Evansville.

LOUISVILLE, March 6, 1876.

Warm and clear. Departed—Glasgow and Andy Baum, Cincinnati; Fawn, Henderson; C. E. Church, New Orleans. Eight feet ten inches in canal.

NEW ORLEANS, March 6, 1876.

Clear and pleasant; wind blowing stiff all day. Arrived—Leo, Vicksburg. No departures.

VICKSBURG, March 6, 1876.

Down—Dean, 2 P. M. Up—Jos. B. Williams, 12. Arrived—Ste, Genevieve, on time.

THE GOLD FIELDS.

Rich Mines Discovered in the Big Horn and Oil Creek Mountains.

GREEN RIVER, Wy., March 6.—A man just from the Wind River valley states that rich mines have been discovered in the Big Horn and Oil Creek mountains. A stage is running from here to South Pass, one hundred miles. The mines are about one hundred and twenty-five miles north from there, and the stage company is making preparations to put on a line to Camp Brown, forty-six miles north of South Pass.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

Ex-Secretary Belknap a Prisoner in His Own House.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE.

The Articles of Impeachment Completed.

LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL PIERREPONT.

The Alleged Complicity in the Babcock Trial Denied.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1876.

Ex-Secretary Belknap.

Ex-Secretary Belknap remains in his own house, which he has not left since the tender of his resignation, and is to all purposes a prisoner, the entrances back and front being guarded by a policemen.

Messrs. Carpenter and Blair, counsel for General Belknap, appeared at the Attorney General's office to-day, and asked that the police be removed, as the Secretary had no intention whatever of attempting flight from Washington. To this the answer was made that as soon as an indictment was found the Secretary would be arrested. He could then give bail, which would relieve him from the surveillance to which he is now subjected. Should the Grand Jury meet with any embarrassment in obtaining the necessary evidence to frame an indictment upon, the arrest will be made without an indictment.

Several personal friends have visited General Belknap to assure him of their sympathy in his troubles.

This afternoon Judge Snell, of the Police Court, received a note from District Attorney Wells, stating that ex-Senator Carpenter informed him that Belknap would not be ready to appear in court to-day with his bail, and asking that his case be allowed to stand, and that this arrangement had been agreed to. Belknap will remain in the custody of the court officers, and will have his hearing to-morrow.

Mr. Sayler, of Ohio, while sitting to-day as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, received the following telegram from Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton:

CINCINNATI, March 6, 1876.

Hon. Milton Sayler and Hon. H. B. Banning, House of Representatives:

If the article in yesterday's *Capital* in relation to the payment of a claim by Belknap to secure the payment of a claim to the Bowler estate or to the Kentucky Central Railroad refers to me, I pronounce the story utterly false. I have neither directly or indirectly, by authority of the House, proposed to retrain the issue or sale of any more obligations of the company secured by a mortgage upon the main line or land granted by the United States to aid in its construction. The bill also requires a detailed statement of all the company's receipts and expenditures up to December 31, 1875, to be filed with the Secretary of the Interior, and provides that the net receipts shall be applied, first, to the payment of interest on first mortgage bonds on the main line, and the creation of a sinking fund; second, to the payment of interest on bonds alleged to have been issued and thus secured without authority; and, third, to the purchase and retirement of all the last described class of bonds. Finally it is made the duty of a commission, consisting of the Attorney General, Secretary of the Interior, and three citizens to be named by the President of the United States, to see that the foregoing provisions are carried into practical effect.

GEO. H. PENDLETON.

The following is the resolution which Mr. Page unsuccessfully tried to obtain the floor to offer in the House to-day:

WHEREAS, There is no good reason to believe that the provisions of sections 940 and 943 of the Revised Statutes have been violated, and that evidence of the violation thereof is in possession of the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said committee be and is hereby instructed to report to this House, at its earliest convenience, any and all facts and circumstances which may be evidence of a violation thereof are now in custody, or what steps have been taken by the committee to secure the testimony of the parties, either as witnesses or for the purpose of prosecution, or whether any official notice was given to the proper law officers of the Government, and if so, whether such notice was given in time to prevent the escape of such parties from the jurisdiction of the United States, and whether any of said parties have so escaped, and whether there has been any negligence on the part of any one having knowledge of the facts.

The following telegram was sent to Gen. Sheridan to-day:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, March 6, 1876.

Lieutenant General Sheridan, Commanding, Chicago:

The President directs you to notify Evans, the post trader at Fort Sill, that his appointment is revoked. He will be permitted to remain and sell the goods at prices fixed by the council of administration till further notice, and be then required to remove. The President desires you to direct a council of administration to meet, and to recommend to the Secretary of War, through military channels, suitable persons for traders. Letter by mail.

(Signed) E. D. TOWNSEND,
Adjutant General.

At ten o'clock on Saturday morning information was received by the police officers of the Treasury Department that ex-Secretary Belknap was making preparations to leave the city some time during the night, and steps were taken at once, without constitution, to watch his house, and a strong guard was placed around it. District Attorney Wells was then notified. The situation was explained to him, and his advice was asked. He desired that the ex-Secretary be kept under surveillance, and, if possible, that a warrant be obtained for his arrest. The guard was then doubled, and the house was carefully watched until daylight. Yesterday morning a warrant was obtained from Judge Snell, on information charging General Belknap with having received a bribe. The warrant was issued upon the oath of a man named Horrell, who swore it out upon information and belief, his information being the report of the committee of which Heister Clymer is chairman. Gov. Wells went to see the Attorney General. That officer issued an order directing that the Secretary be kept closely watched; that if any effort was made on his part to escape, to prevent it at all hazards. During the morning Sunday Mrs. Belknap sent a servant out and called in one of the officers, and said to him that she knew they were watched, and that she would rather have the officers inside than outside of the house. Afterward she came back and said to the officer she had been too hasty in letting him in, as they were still guarding the house outside. Up to this time it was not certain that Gen. Belknap was in the house. An officer rang the bell, and was told the Secretary was in. The officer sent some word about the communication of the Attorney General, and Gen. Belknap came down to see the officer. He was greatly affected. The officer said they would make everything as pleasant for him as possible. They did not wish to arrest him, but were simply directed not to permit him to escape. The officers who were keeping guard had no authority under the law to execute a warrant, but after consultation with the Attorney General all the facts in connection with the case were made known to the Chief of the District Police and the warrant was placed in his hands, to be served if service should be necessary. Among the witnesses given to Judge Snell, and who will be subpœnaed, is Heister Clymer, to whom, it is alleged, the Secretary made a confession, and Lyman K. Bass, also of the committee. The warrant was obtained from the Police Court, charging General Belknap with having taken a bribe, because this was the readiest way of securing authority for detention. The act, if real could have no effect upon the jurisdiction of the Senate, and this action was taken in order that the proper tribunals might with certainty have the accused man in trial. The necessity for the unusual precautions and the information upon which they were based are not disclosed. Perhaps General Belknap had no intention to leave the country, but under all the circumstances there could be no condemnation too severe for any carelessness. Mr. Clymer let the witness go, but the criminal, if crime final be, will not receive any leniency by the action of the Government.

The St. Louis *Republican* says, editorially, speaking of the report that the President has ordered the arrest of Babcock, Tomlinson and all others connected with the post traderships bribery business, that there are persons in St. Louis who three days ago were ready to give evidence against Belknap, but now refuse to do so, for fear they will be prosecuted for buying the traderships which the Secretary sold.

The Committee on Judiciary this afternoon completed the Belknap articles of impeachment. They are twenty-one in number, specifically stating various amounts of money received by him at different times from Marsh. These articles are founded on the testimony of that witness, but as he has fled the country, the committee will to-morrow, on making their report, move its referrence back to the committee, so that other testimony may be taken to strengthen the case. Some days may elapse before the articles shall be acted upon by the House and presented to the Senate. The committee will not act in haste, as they wish to present a case that can be maintained before the Senate. They charge Belknap with having violated section 1,781 of the Revised Statutes, the penalty for which is imprisonment for not more than two years and a fine of not more than $10,000.

The Pacific Railways.

Senator Dorsey's bill amendatory of the Pacific Railroad laws asserts in a preamble that the Central Pacific Railroad Company has improperly increased its capital stock, its interest bearing securities, and its liabilities for or on account of branch roads, steamboat lines and other properties, without authority of Congress, and without a corresponding increase in the value of its real and personal capacity, and that such action is designed to prevent or postpone for a long time any action on the part of the Government in fixing tariff rates, as the eighteenth section of the law of July 1st, 1862, authorized whenever its net earnings should exceed ten per centum upon the actual cost of the road between Ogden and Sacramento. The bill, therefore, proposes to restrain the issue or sale of any more obligations of the company secured by a mortgage upon the main line or land granted by the United States to aid in its construction. The bill also requires a detailed statement of all the company's receipts and expenditures up to December 31, 1875, to be filed with the Secretary of the Interior, and provides that the net receipts shall be applied, first, to the payment of interest on first mortgage bonds on the main line, and the creation of a sinking fund; second, to the payment of interest on bonds alleged to have been issued and thus secured without authority; and, third, to the purchase and retirement of all the last described class of bonds. Finally it is made the duty of a commission, consisting of the Attorney General, Secretary of the Interior, and three citizens to be named by the President of the United States, to see that the foregoing provisions are carried into practical effect.

Letter from the Attorney General.

Attorney General Pierrepont has addressed a letter to Hon. Scott Lord, Chairman of the sub-committee of the Committee on Judiciary, saving his fair and considerate letter of the 3d inst. gives him the opportunity to fully explain certain charges contained in new publications, copies of which had been enclosed to him. The Attorney General says that in regard to the whisky cases at St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee, the Secretary of the Treasury and himself were in frequent consultation, and they never differed in their policy or in what they deemed the best mode of carrying out the policy. On October last, when the Secretary of the Treasury was in St. Louis they agreed upon and dispatched a communication to the Solicitor with instructions, in which, he said, among other things, that unless important ends are to be gained in other cases, he would make no terms with any individual or firm. The Attorney General says the policy indicated in this order was not communicated by him in any circular letter to the District Attorneys of these cities, but it was to be carried out alike in St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee. Nothing occurred to lead the Attorney General or the Secretary of the Treasury or the Solicitor, so far as the Attorney General knew or believed, to change this policy in any degree, but in the middle of July and subsequent thereto various newspaper slips, private letters and personal statements came to the President, and in a lesser degree to the Attorney General, that bargains were being made or were about to be made with criminals whose testimony was not in the slightest degree needed, by which a large number of criminals were to be let off from any kind of punishment, to be relieved of persecution in a manner likely to bring scandal upon the administration of justice, and quite at variance with the policy expressed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and approved by the Attorney General, and these statements were in a large measure affirmed to the President, and subsequently to the Attorney General, and by one of the most prominent and most trusted supervisors in the service, and who claimed to speak from personal knowledge upon the subject, and especially in relation to criminals in Chicago. It was also stated to the Attorney General that bargains of very questionable propriety were being made in Milwaukee by the counsel without consultation with the District Attorney, and without any communication with the Attorney General, from whom they received their appointment, and for whose judicious conduct the Attorney General was responsible. The President was greatly disturbed by these varied and repeated representations, of course, so at variance with the policy before indicated, and he brought it to the attention of the Attorney General, and finally suggested that in view of repeated statements it would be well for the Attorney General to let District Attorney Bruce receive some caution upon this subject, and therefore a letter was dispatched by the Attorney General to District Attorney Hazleton, and is the one copied into the official records of the department, with a note that the same was sent to the District Attorneys at Chicago and St. Louis.

In this letter the Attorney General said he reposed in the officers' good judgment to refrain from anything that could by any possibility be construed as favoritism to wards those who had defrauded the department, and he remarked that it is the President's desire that no guilty man should escape. A few days later, the President, being still further pressed about the matter, sent for the Attorney General to learn whether he had taken any action, as the letter was purely official, and as all such letters are strictly confidential and intended solely for the eye of the District Attorney, and for the sole purpose of advising them of complaints which were being made, and to caution them against any attempt at improper management. The Attorney General was greatly surprised at the publication of the letter, and quite amazed that it should be wrested from its original purpose, and used for ends never imagined by the writer. The Attorney General set himself to work to discover how the letter found its way into print, and finally came to the conclusion that it must have got out through a copy sent to the President, and he received information which convinced him that it was so, and the fact that it was imperfectly reported in the Western papers led him to believe that it had been read, and perhaps imperfectly remembered. On speaking to the President on the subject, he said he had no knowledge whatever of the letter.

The Attorney General says since the acquittal of Gen. Babcock he had seen it stated in one of the western papers that additional evidence had been found which was communicated to his counsel by the Attorney General. He wished to state in the most emphatic language, and without any possible reservation, that there is not and there never was the slightest truth in the statement. He never made a communication, either written or verbal, to any one of Babcock's counsel upon the subject. As to Storrs, who is the counsel specially mentioned, the Attorney General says he has no recollection that he ever saw him in his life. He was certain he never wrote to him. He might have seen him and have been introduced to him at some one of the crowded receptions of the President. This is possible. Very many persons are introduced to him at these receptions whose names are often indistinctly heard, and therefore not remembered. He certainly never saw Storrs at his house or at the department, or any other house or place where he ever conversed with him upon the subject of General Babcock's trial or upon any other subject. Judge Porter is the other counsel mentioned. He is an eminent lawyer of New York and a long acquaintance of the Attorney General, and a much valued friend, and besides, he is a gentleman of delicacy of sense. He once, and only once, called to pay his respects, and stated merely that he was here to procure himself in the Babcock trial, dropped the subject utterly, and never resumed it or alluded to it again during his call. They never by note, word or sign had any communication whatever on the subject.

The Attorney General says: I waited for an opportunity, and had now ascertained that General Babcock or some one for him who had access to the President's papers obtained a copy of the letter without any knowledge on the part of the President, and that the same was used in a manner now known to all, but under whose advice the Attorney General does not know. It is time to certain, he says, that if any one of the defrauders of the revenue imagined they were to reap advantage from the publication of the letter, or from the very false construction which they tried to force upon it, they had been or would be signally mistaken.

The Real Estate Pool.

Judge Black appeared before the House committee appointed to investigate the Washington real estate pool, and stated as counsel for Hallet Kilbourne that he was not on Wednesday present a brief, quoting authorities to show that the committee had no right to call for the production of Kilbourne's books, showing his general real estate transactions.

The President's Private Secretaries.

U. S. Grant, Jr., occupies the desk at the Executive office heretofore occupied by Generals Porter and Babcock, and within the past few weeks by Col. Grant, and Mr. Smith, Assistant Private Secretary, occupies the desk vacated by Mr. Lucky, who has entered upon the duties of the Interior Department.

The War Office.

The President said late this afternoon that nothing had been definitely arranged regarding the appointment of the Secretary of War, and the question it is certain will not be determined till to-morrow after the Cabinet meeting.

General Schenck's Successor.

The President has sent to the Senate the name of Richard H. Dana, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Great Britain, vice Robert C. Schenck, resigned.

Gen. Babcock Not Resigned.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, Gen. Babcock has not resigned his position in the army, and to-day said that he had no intention of so doing.

Col. Grant

leaves Washington to-night in obedience to orders of Lieutenant General Sheridan, that he report without delay in Chicago for service on the plains.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1876.

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BONDS at Frankfort, new 5s, 102.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 114¼.

THE Chicago *Tribune* is authority for the statement that "by common consent, the President's formula has been extended, and now reads: "Let no guilty man or woman escape."

THE Legislative Committee will break ground this morning, in commencement of their contract to penetrate the mysteries of our Water Works and Penn avenue improvement bond factories.

MARSH has meandered to Montreal; but we are hardly through with MARSH yet. The bribe giver ought to wear a suit made out of the same piece of striped cloth as that which encases the bribe taker.

JUDGE HOAR, ex-Attorney General, is put down as the coming man for the War office. Such an appointment would meet with the approval of every honest man, irrespective of politics, in the country.

THERE seems to be a general desire now for General MEIGS to drop his inspection of European army matters, and come home to tell us what he knows about our own. Dear General: Come home, come home!

RICHARD H. DANA, JR., of Massachusetts, it is announced, will take the place of Mr. SCHENCK, at the Court of St. James. Mr. DANA is well known as a politician, a man of some literary reputation, and a leading business man of the Bay State.

MR. SCHENCK is coming home to face his accusers, and is said to be confident. So that we may expect, in about ten days to get some more of the "bottom facts" in connection with what we have. Though the case looks a little blue for him, it is but fair to say that we have had but one side of the story, and it may be fairly explained away.

IT has been commonly remarked in Washington during the past three months that Washington society has shown no signs of the hard times. The season just closed has been one of the most brilliant on record, and the ladies have displayed at the parties and receptions more costly dresses than have before seen here, at least in the last five years.

SENATOR ANDERSON announces himself as a candidate for re-nomination in the Forty-third Senatorial District. He makes no spread eagle promises, and does not sing a reform lullaby, but goes before his constituents simply on his record in the past, which after all is the test, which the constituents of every candidate will want in the next canvass. His record is one which will stand the test of inspection.

PROF. SILLIMAN is very emphatic in denying that there were any lucre allurements held out to make him take a hand in the Emma mine transaction; but unless the learned Professor can demonstrate to the nicety of one of his own chemical tests, that somebody has been lying about him, the people will—very rightfully too—be compelled to fear that he was tarred with the same stick which touched up the others of the immaculate band.

JENKINS corrects us says it is Miss Carrie May and not Ida who has captured Bennett. Well what's the difference. May by any other name would be as suggestive of sunshine, and warbling birds, fragrant blossoms and balmy airs,—all of which are supposed to be typical of the rare loveliness of character of this May flower which Bennett,—after having had his pick from the richest parterre,—will carry away to beautify and brighten his now rathcheerless bachelor's palace.

ROYAL aristocracy in France seems to be doomed. It is slowly but surely becoming extinct. The three principal causes for this are the prevalence of Democratic ideas, through the revolution, the non-creation of new titles, and the exclusion of females from succession. The list of noble families has been reduced since LOUIS XIV. from 200,000 to 30,000, and of these there are only 5,000 titled families. Republicanism is gaining ground in France, and the ancient nobility is disappearing.

WE have company now on the school question. They are having a pretty free fight over in England on the subject. One side advocates free schools, and another thinks denominational schools the need of the hour. The fight had its origin in a movement begun by the school board and the friends of public education to ask an additional appropriation for free schools. The contest in its main features is identical with the contest in this country, and the outcome will be looked to with great interest.

PUBLIC attention for a moment has been drawn from the whisky ringsters, but the authorities have still an eye upon them, and they have no reason for cheerfulness. The net result to the Treasury from the expose of the whisky frauds are estimated by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at $3,365,295 in certain prospect, and an indefinite amount in possibility. The amount already covered into the Treasury is $195,503. The number of persons under indictment is two hundred and fifty-three, of whom sixty-nine have pleaded guilty. Still the watchword is, "Let no guilty man escape."

IT is a marvel that when everybody knew years ago that BELKNAP was a rogue, that some patriot, for the good of his country, or for private revenge, did not then expose him. There is just a possibility that the brilliant imagination of some of these people, who could have "told you so" years ago, is exercised just now in inventing a few fictions to gratify personal malice. The record is bad enough without any superfluous exaggerations, and we have but little respect for those noble martyrs who, according to their own story, suffered so long in silence, borne down by the weight of an awful secret. It's strange they never ventured to kick at the lion until he was dead.

HERR VON WICKEDE, the military correspondent of the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, writes to that paper a long criticism of the Turkish army, in which he says that the regular army of the Sultan is three-fourths a mob of the most patient, brave, unmurmuring, untrained, ununiformed, unfed, and unofficered troops in the world. He classes the officers under two heads: first, a set of rude, untrained officers, like the men themselves; and, second, "the scions of favoritism, the dandies of New Turkey, the most conceited, the most effeminate and worthless of their race." The only exception made is in the case of the Imperial Guard, which is the corps d'elite of the Empire.

IT's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. The floods in France, while proving very unfortunate for that country, it seems, will result in good to us. The overflowing of the Seine has destroyed the principal part of the wheat crop, and, as a result, they will have to depend upon us for a large supply of grain. It is probable, too, that the floods in Germany which have destroyed so much will have a similar result on our grain market. England, too, must draw from us the coming season—judging from present indications—as the crop there is said to be about twenty per cent. under the average for the past ten years. Under the pressure of these facts prices have gone up in Paris and England, and the grain market is firmer. Grain dealers in our country thus anticipate a good season, and are correspondingly cheerful.

FROM what we know of Sheriff FIFE, we do not think the "pincher" started yesterday will have much effect on him. Mr. FIFE is not the man that will falter or take the back track. He pledged the Republicans of Allegheny county that if elected he would clean the Sheriff's office out, or so much of it as the people demanded should go, and he did it. When they are at it, why not have him arrested for horse stealing?" There would be about as much truth in one charge as the other. We are assured by several of the leading colored citizens of the county that the colored people have no sympathy with Mr. CARSON in this move. While they would be pleased to see a colored man in the office, they do not doubt Mr. FIFE's integrity.

APROPOS of the discussion in the Ministerial Association yesterday, on the Bible in the Public Schools, this pungent little paragraph from the New England *Journal of Education* will be interesting reading to the disputants: "We of New England are a Christian people; we are not pagan, atheistic, or indefinitely religious. Our whole inception and growth—the foundation and superstructure of every thing organic among us—is Christian. We, thank GOD, are yet a Christian people under the rule of the majority, and we claim the right, so long as the majority assents, to shape the instruction of our own public schools according to our own Christian views. And, while sadly enough divided into denominations and sects, we are neither so stupid nor so ill-tempered, that we cannot find any base of Christian instruction catholic enough for us all, and cannot agree upon anything unless we can each, like quarrelsome children, have it all his own way.

NEW YORK has tried the plan which was tried here with the tramps—offered them work—and with the same result. There are about eight hundred to one thousand persons, one quarter of whom are women, who nightly seek lodgings at the station houses. They have been offered work at living wages, but have refused, seeming to prefer the miserable routine of nights spent in the filthy atmosphere of the police station, and days spent in begging, to honest labor. The State Charities Aid Association has taken the subject up, and proposes to invoke the aid of the law. The Society holds that "if any man will not work, neither let him eat." It is a precept as old as Christianity, and it is of universal application. It is more than probable that any labor test would act as a two-edged sword. It would have a deterrent effect upon the large number who dread the very thought of work, and who have no higher ambition than to live in filth and idleness at the expense of others.

RUMORS IN THE AIR.

There were a couple of interesting rumors afloat yesterday, which formed the topic of discussion in certain circles, and which were somewhat freely discussed upon the streets. The first of these had reference to the Legislative Committee, which commences work this morning to investigate any mythical or real irregularities in the running of the machinery of our municipal bond factory. The talk of the street was that the Committee had been "seen" and had been "fixed," or, in other words, had put itself in the leading strings of interested parties, who are not anxious to have a fair and full explanation of the whole business, but who are chiefly anxious to make political capital. The talk was so direct that it gave, to what might have been but a mere rumor, the color of reality. We do not know that the gentlemen who came here to look into our municipal affairs have lent, or would lend, themselves easily to such a scheme; but we do know that the people will watch them carefully, and with eyes that will easily penetrate any attempt to give the investigation a partisan bias. The people want—what the press here has frequently called for—a thorough, unbiased, clear, and honest examination into the water bond business and the Penn avenue improvement bond issues, and they want it entirely free from the least show of partisan feeling. If the committee gets to work, and as a result of its labors, gives us a complete history of the ins and outs of the subject, they are called to look into, and makes no attempt to give—either in the progress of the investigation or in the final conclusion—a color to the report in the interests of any party, then the people will heartily endorse their work, and whoever is hit will have no sympathy; but any personal or political prejudice thrown into the report will kill it and its authors. We shall watch the proceedings carefully and give a full report from day to day.

The other rumor,—which was very freely circulated, decorated the Reform School Investigating Committee with a little of mother earth. The story was, that some eight hundred dollars penetrated the inner circle of the committee for the purpose of bringing the minds of the investigators around to a different conclusion from that which, at the close of the investigation, they seemed to entertain. Whether there is any truth in the financial statement or not, it is known that one of the members of the Board of Managers started for Harrisburg last night charged with the duty of ascertaining the reason for the extreme diffidence of the committee in making their report, and the rumor is likely to be pretty fully investigated within a few days.

BELKNAP AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The humiliation of ex-Secretary BELKNAP's crime falls heavy on the honest members of the Republican party, and most heavily on those who have co-operated with that party from its origin, twenty years ago or more. Not even the most cynical will deny that the great majority of that party were actuated, especially in the earlier years of its history, by essentially worthy motives. The New York *Times* says, no organization ever called to its councils a larger number of pure and disinterested men. None ever commanded the zealous devotion of a larger proportion of earnest, single-minded, and patriotic members. There are many thousands in its ranks who entered them when its aims seemed scarcely practical and its prospects very desperate; when sacrifices of no ordinary kind were demanded in its service, and when all hope of political advancement through its aid was visionary. The party was originated at a time when the slave power held all the avenues to preferment, and it attained control of the Government only to find itself face to face with the greatest civil war of modern times. In its early struggles and in the task which tried its matured strength there was much that appealed to the conscience and little that stirred the ambition or the appetite for gain of those who joined it. Many, very many, of the Republicans who served in the great moral and military conflict which the party has waged are still among its members, and to them the discovery of an act of such shameless corruption in one of the highest offices held by representatives of the party is bitterly humiliating.

By as much as the party has been moved by worthy sentiments, and has sought noble aims, by so much more it feels the disgrace of Mr. BELKNAP's infamy. Very few of us, our opponents may be sure, are at all inclined to evade such responsibility as justly falls to our lot as Republicans. We have known for many years by unfortunate experience that success attracted to our party adventurers of all sorts from other parties. We have been only too well aware that the nature of the objects of which the party was compelled by circumstances to undertake the accomplishment, made it easier than it otherwise would have been for bad men to gain power among us. The party has necessarily aroused among its followers from the first a number of ardent sentiments. At first there was the hatred of oppression and the love of justice which were enlisted against the gigantic wrong of slavery. Then it was the fervor of patriotism, made more and more intense by the varying events of the war. Still later it was the passionate determination to reap the fruits of victory, and to render the conquered powerless to repeat the offenses which it had required the sacrifice and toil of war to check and punish. During all this struggle, and especially when it was at its neight, it was only too difficult to distinguish between sincere zeal and that which was put on as a cloak for selfish and ambitious designs. Rascals who knew how to satisfy the passionate demands of the hour attained a power which would, in more quiet times, have been impossible to them. It happened, to the great injury of the country, and to the mortification of the body of the Republican party, that a large number of bad men fastened themselves upon that party, and were sustained in perfect sincerity by its best members.

This fact long ago became obvious to the majority of the party, and there has been a great deal of weeding out done among its representatives. The party has become far more exacting of its leaders. Some of the more prominent officials in other departments, who had supposed that they could do anything they chose, so long as they were zealous professing Republicans, have been forced out. But BELKNAP's crime shows only too plainly that the process of purification has not gone far enough; that the demand of the party for honest men as its representatives is not yet sufficiently appreciated—is not, indeed, sufficiently strong. Honest Republicans are deeply stung by the disgrace which has come upon the Administration put and kept in power by their votes. They are indignant as well as shamed, and they will fall far short of their duty to themselves and to the country, if they do not give practical expression to their indignation. They have too long submitted, "for the sake of the party," to the domination of men who have nothing but their control of party machinery to commend them. These men have held the reputation of the party very lightly. They have assumed that they would continue to enjoy power, no matter how readily they subjected to suspicion and insult the great mass of those from whom their power was derived. The latter now have a right to require that whoever reap the fruits of their confidence shall show themselves really entitled to it, and that their representatives in public life shall both be and appear worthy. We have tolerated too lax a standard of official conduct. Knowing, as we have that the standard of our opponents in politics has been lower than our own, that the have shown little capacity to make any genuine reforms in the administration of the Government, we have been contented with a neutral or comparative merit. Republicans should everywhere insist that in the conduct of the great campaign on which we are entering, only their best men shall be put forward. On this point they cannot be too earnest. In proportion as they make excellence of character the test of their action in every step of the canvass, and in proportion as they abide by that test, cost what it may, they will save the party from the consequences of the BELKNAP scandal. What is much more important, they will, by this course, save the country from its repetition in the future.

CARD FROM SENATOR ANDERSON.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

I take this method of answering the numerous inquiries of friends whether I shall be a candidate for renomination in the Forty-third Senatorial district.

I have concluded to become a candidate, believing it to be the general desire of my constituents. My record is before the public, and, if satisfactory, I should be gratified to receive the support of Republican friends in the forthcoming convention.

GEORGE H. ANDERSON.

March 6th, 1876.

REMINISCENCES OF 1812.

An Officer's Personal Narration—From Carlisle Barracks to Fort Niagara—The Military Operations Resulting in the Capture of Fort George—Graphic Account of the Final Assault—Characteristic Anecdote of Gen. Scott—A Terrible Winter Campaign Around Lake Champlain, &c.

Col. W. L. Foulk has in his possession a very valuable relic of the war of 1812, being the original manuscript of a journal kept by Col. George Macfeely, a distinguished American officer, and an intimate friend and companion-in-arms of his father, Captain Foulk, then of the regular army, and through whom this and other valuable papers of a similar character came into his hands. The journal gives in detail many interesting matters relating to the author's participation in that memorable struggle. Since the few surviving soldiers of that war are fast passing from earth, and must soon all be gathered to their fathers, it is fitting that the memory of their noble deeds, their daring and suffering, instead of being permitted to die with them, should be renewed to their latest posterity. It is especially fitting, in this centennial year, that fresh interest should be awakened in the glorious achievements of the men who fought their way to victory in our second war of independence. The names of Jackson, Harrison, Scott, Perry, McDonough, and others, deserve to stand side by side with those of the gallant leaders of the Revolution on the pages of their country's history, and Lake Erie, Fort George, Lundy's Lane, New Orleans, and other glorious victories were no less important in shaping the destinies of the young republic than Saratoga, Bennington and Yorktown.

On the March.

The narrative of Col. Macfeely opens with an account of his march with a detachment of the 22d regiment U. S. I., consisting of two hundred men, from Carlisle Barracks, which was a famous recruiting station in those days, to join the command of Gen. Smyth at Buffalo, N. Y. This march consumed almost a month in time, and was attended with immeasurable hardships and privations, the tedious and difficult process of conveying troops from point to point through an almost trackless wilderness at that time, contrasting strangely with the rapidity and ease afforded for transportation since the development of the country and the introduction of railroads. In noting but the leading features of this narrative, further particulars concerning the march are necessarily omitted, although replete with interest. One incident, however, we reproduce, showing as it does the ingenuity of man when driven to the last resource, and that the simple yeoman of the early days could devise ways and means for getting a drink that would reflect infinite credit upon the most accomplished "dead beat" in this era of smart "dodges." It seems that the soldiers of this little band were addicted to habits of intemperance and would become insane for whiskey on occasion presented itself, thus delaying their progress. To prevent this the officers frequently searched the men to ascertain whether they carried any liquor about them. Persons. On a certain night, a thorough search having been made a short time previous the soldiers engaged in a drunken frolic, to the great astonishment of the officers. On investigation it was discovered that the men had filled their gun-barrels with whisky, stopping the vents with little plugs of hickory wood and the muzzles with corks.

Fort Niagara.

On the tenth of November orders were received by the command to proceed to old Fort Niagara and relieve Col. Wyder. Those troops were immediately set in motion and four days afterward arrived at the fort. Fort Niagara, according to our author, stood at the point where the river from which it took its name empties into the lake. Three largestone buildings or blockhouses stood in the angle of the fort, having been built by the French, with walls so strong that twenty pound cannon balls striking them made no impression. At the time of Col. Macfeely's arrival at the fort an armistice was existing between Gen. Van Rensselaer and the commander of the British forces by which either party was bound to give thirty hours notice before commencing hostilities. On the twentieth of November word came to the garrison from Gen. Smyth that the armistice would cease at one o'clock that night and at that time firing from Ft. George might be expected to begin. The account of the preparations made to meet this emergency and of the action which ensued as given in our author's own language will serve to furnish some idea of the manner of defending fortifications at that early period in our country's history. "As soon as we got the news" he writes "all hands went to work, some cutting and collecting wood and others making large fires and heating shot. At twelve o'clock that night all our cannon were loaded, matches lighted and guns manned, waiting with great anxiety for the hour of one o'clock. At length that hour arrived, but no gun fired, although the enemy's guns were all manned and lighted. My officers were all demanding orders to commence, but I told them, and indeed showed them orders, which were to act on the defensive, for twelve hours cannonading would exhaust all the ammunition in the fort. At about six o'clock on the morning of the 21st the enemy opened all his batteries and guns from Fort George. In a few seconds we returned the fire from three eighteen pounders, two twelves and two sixes. The eighteens and twelves fired red-hot shot. At about nine o'clock we had the pleasure of seeing a schooner sink and several houses in flames in the town of Newark, as also at their navy yard and in Fort George. The firing continued with little or no intermission until dark. Our loss was three killed and six wounded; two or three of the wounded died afterwards. One man was killed and four wounded from the bursting of one of our twelve pounders; this was occasioned by a hot ball which expanded by the heat and got fast in the gun about two feet from being home, where a vacuum was formed, and when fired burst into ten thousand pieces. Another twelve-pounder went off when the man was in the act of ramming, and took off both his hands above the wrists, which was owing to the gun getting hot and the man at the vent having no thumb-stall. Our frame barracks were much cut up and frequently on fire, but it was put out as soon almost as the smoke was seen in our building. I counted fifty-two round shot that had passed through and into it. The enemy's loss we could not ascertain." In closing his account of this engagement, the Colonel cites what he terms an extraordinary instance of female bravery. A woman named Betsy Doyle attended and served one of the guns throughout the day. To give his own words, "she would take the ball tongs from any of the men, run up to the fire, take up a hot shot and put it in the cannon, and run for another, and this she continued for the whole of the day."

Opening of the Campaign.

After this "little exchange of courtesies" the garrison remained quiet, not fearing an attack, until the first of March, when all hands were set at work to building scows and batteries, and putting the garrison in the "best possible state of defense." Brigadier General Boyd, accompanied by Major General Lewis, arrived on the 30th of April and took command of the post, and two days after Major General Dearborn and suite landed, and the following day Commodore Chauncey's fleet arrived.

On May 13th Col. Macfeely was ordered to Five Mile Meadows for the purpose of guarding some boats. Here on the 24th of May he was visited by Col. (afterwards General) Scott, who informed him that on the 26th the army would cross over and attack Fort George. The force was to consist of Scott's regiment, Macfeely's command and a company of riflemen. Scott expressed the hope to Macfeely that there would be no difficulty between them respecting rank, since they were both Lieutenant Colonels, and stated that when the rank came to be established he would be first in consequence of former services. Macfeely replied: "I am well aware that you will rank me, and I am quite pleased to go with you as second in command." On the 25th the boats were launched and the troops rowed past Fort George and into Four Mile Creek amid heavy firing, losing, however, but two men.

By sunrise the next day our guns opened on Fort George, and by nine o'clock the block house in that fort was in flames, and the enemy's guns silenced. The following order was given by Col. Scott to the light troops, consisting of about six hundred men, to govern their action in the anticipated battle:

"Lieut. Col. Scott will have under his immediate command the right column of boats, having on board one piece of artillery, one company of riflemen, the dragoons, Hindman's, Stockton's and Biddle's companies. The remaining companies are to be embarked under the immediate direction of Lieut. Col. Macfeely, to consist of Captain Michaels', Capt. Mills', Capt. Milliken's, and Capt. McFarland's companies and one company of riflemen. The troops on board of each boat are to land at the same time, if possible, when the two columns will be formed together or remain in separate lines or columns, as the ground may make necessary. On reaching the shore the companies are to be speedily formed by their company officers, who will then march their men up into line or column as may be ordered. When the troops are in line the riflemen are to be on the flanks and more or less advanced, according to circumstances. Each company is to march from camp separately, and in sections of four files front. Each boat is to make the shore opposite to the company's line.

"By order of
"COL. SCOTT."

Capture of Fort George.

Col. Macfeely's graphic account of the battle which ensued on the 29th, and which resulted in the capture of Fort George, which is probably the fullest and most correct of any that has ever been written, is herewith given entire: "The light troops," he says, "were formed and marched from camp at two o'clock this morning (May 27), embarked on board the boats, and put out at three. The morning was calm, not a ripple on the lake, and a thick, heavy fog; this gave us great spirits, as the fog was much in our favor. We passed the fleet, and when within a mile and a half of the Canada shore were ordered to halt and lay on our oars. Here the schooners came up and passed us. One ran into the mouth of the river, the other stood round Massisaga Point to the mouth of Two Mile Creek. After sunrise the fog cleared away and the cannon commenced from Fort Niagara and all her detached batteries. The schooner in the river opened her fire on the light horse battery; the other two opened on a one-gun battery at the mouth of Two Mile Creek, which was the place of landing. Here we lay waiting for the grand army to come up, but it appears that great confusion took place at the point of embarkation; the different brigades and regiments became all mixed into a confused mass, and it was eleven o'clock before Boyd's division came up, followed by Winder's and Chandler's brigades. Orders were given to the light troops to make for the shore. Our boats formed a line, and pulled away for the shore. The two schooners covered our landing. The enemy, about fifteen hundred strong, lay waiting in a ravine forty rods from the shore. They reserved their fire until our boats were within one hundred and fifty yards, when they opened a heavy and galling fire. The fire was returned from our boats. The men at the oars quit rowing, and took to their muskets.

Going Into the Fight.

All appeared to be in confusion. Some of our boats swung around broad side to the shore; but, with the exertions of the officers, we soon got under way again. As we approached near the shore, the enemy's fire ought to have been very destructive, but we suffered less owing to their firing too high. (The British always fired too high in consequence of their cartridges being so heavy that no man dare lay the butt of his musket to his shoulder, or, if he does it once, he will not like very well to try it again, and consequently he will hold his musket in such a way as not to be knocked in the shoulder; he will put the butt down along his side under his arm, and in that case the muzzle, when the holder thinks his piece level, will always be elevated.) The action was close and warm for about ten minutes after we landed, when the enemy gave way and retreated in confusion. The light troops were ordered to pursue the enemy. Their track was easily followed, the ground being covered with muskets, knapsacks, blankets, cartridges, &c., &c. When we got through the woods into the plains of New York we saw the enemy drawn back of the town. I suggested to Colonel Scott to fall back until we would gain the woods, take a circuitous route under cover of the woods, and gain the rear of the enemy, while the main army would come up in the front, thus cutting off their retreat and compel them to surrender. Scott agreed to this, and our column was to the right when the enemy opened a battery of four six pounders upon us. Scott ordered the column to wheel to the left and march at quick time direct for the battery. They continued a brisk fire until we approached within two hundred yards when they retreated in great confusion." It was soon afterward ascertained that the enemy had evacuated Fort George and Col. Scott immediately marched into the abandoned works. Col. Macfeely followed with his command. Before reaching the fort the latter met Scott riding a British officer's horse with the flag from Fort George hanging across the saddle before him. He says "Scott swore he would sleep in the flag that night."

Orders were issued to pursue the enemy, but were afterwards countermanded. In stopping the pursuit Col. Macfeely says the Commanding General was highly censurable, as when the enemy were routed, even if they had been pursued night and day they might all have been taken, with their arms and stores.

Return of Days of Peace.

The capture of Fort George was followed by another season of inaction, "our Generals appearing to act as if Canada was conquered."

"On the first of June, Generals Winder and Chandler with their brigades marched in pursuit of the enemy up the lake, and were both captured at Stony Creek, although the Americans defeated the enemy after losing their two generals. About this time the British fleet hove in sight and our general took the alarm for the safety of Fort George, although he had two thousand men more than were necessary for the defense of that place. He ordered his victorious division to return with all possible expedition to Fort George. The consequence was that the Indians followed close in the rear of our victorious but retreating division, and killed and made prisoners of all the wounded and sick that fell in the rear, of the division. This retreat was badly conducted, and General Lewis ought to have been cashiered for it, for not protecting his wounded and sick. They ought to have been sent in front, or a strong rear guard to have protected and covered the rear. We all lost our baggage and camp equipage. It was transported by water in boats up the lake. The British fleet fell in with and took the whole of our baggage.

Generals Winder and Chandler were censurable in my opinion for suffering themselves to be surprised and captured. The ground was very bad, and each regiment was permitted to select their own ground; consequently there was no order, no precaution taken to guard against a surprise. The enemy in close column rushed in charging bayonets, and threw the whole army into confusion. In many instances our regiments would fire upon each other, when the cry was "Don't fire," and "You are firing on your own men." The British caught the cry, and made use of it to some advantage. They were, however, finally beaten and routed. A story was afterwards told by a British officer, that on first entering our camp Generals Winder and Chandler came running into their column asking in a hurried and confused manner, "Where is the artillery. Where is the artillery." A British officer caught them by the arms, saying he would show them the artillery, and conducted them to the rear of their column before they knew they were in hands of the enemy.

Generals Dearborn and Lewis soon after withdrew into the interior for the recovery of their health, and the command devolved on General Boyd, who remained in his strong place Fort George, for the remainder of the summer, notwithstanding the enemy was not one-third as strong as the American army. The Americans occupied the fort and the town of Newark. Nothing worthy of note occurred during the summer except the disgraceful surrender of Lieut. Col. Bostler with six hundred chosen men at Beaver Dams, to an inferior number of British and Indians.

At this point the narrative breaks abruptly off by the omission of a number of pages which have unfortunately been lost. The remaining portion of the journal, which is incomplete, details the hardships and sufferings endured by a detachment of eight hundred men, in command of which Col. Macfeely marched during the entire winter of 1813-4, from point to point in the wilderness round about Lake Champlain, through snow six and eight feet deep, with the thermometer at times down to thirty degrees below zero. In these marches many men were frozen to death and numbers were rendered cripples for life. Our author participated in the battle of Oldtown, fought on March 30, 1814, and in the following June was promoted to Colonel, placed in command of the Twenty-fifth Regiment United States Infantry, and ordered to report to General Brown.

The Battle of Lundy's Lane.

On the thirteenth of August he crossed the Niagara at Lewistown and reported to General Brown who then lay at Queenstown with his army and was ordered to report to General Scott and join his regiment. "Here the army lay," we quote from the journal, "until the twentieth when the whole army marched down to within one mile of Fort George." Here we lay until the twenty-second when the General with his army fell back to Queenstown heights and encamped on the heights until the twenty-fourth when we fell back to Chippewa and encamped until the evening of the twenty-fifth when the desperate battle of Bridgewater took place. This battle ought to have been named the battle of the falls, or of the cataract, as it was immediately in the vicinity of the Grand Falls and more than two miles from Bridgewater. The British call it the battle of Niagara or the battle of Lundy's Lane.

"General Brown has stated to the Secretary of War that his object in falling back from Fort George on the 22d was to attack the enemy on Burlington heights. This was not the fact. General Brown fell back in order to gain a better position, as the British had received strong reinforcements, and would have gained his rear and cut off his retreat in all probability in a few hours. It was ridiculous for General Brown in his official communication to the War Department to say that he was on his way to attack the enemy at Burlington heights when the battle of the 25th was fought. It might satisfy the Secretary of War, who knew nothing of the geography of the country. So far from going to Burlington heights we had actually turned our backs on the heights as well as on Fort George. We had sent all the heavy baggage across the Niagara, at Queenstown, the night before we decamped from Fort George. The enemy had gained the heights in our rear with some light troops and Indians, but were dispersed by our riflemen before the heavy columns came up.

A Bit of a Scrimmage.

"On the morning of the 25th the enemy crossed the river and captured our baggage at Lewistown and drove off the guard. This, no doubt, was with the view of getting General Brown to divide his army by sending a part across the river as a further to protect his baggage. When information came from our piquet guard that the enemy was in sight and advancing with his whole army it was not believed, because we had information that the enemy was crossing the river at Lewistown in the forenoon to a certainty. However, the information was confirmed by a second videt, that the enemy was advancing in force just as the troops were on parade for "retreat," a little before sunset. Gen. Scott was ordered out with his brigade, with orders that if the enemy was advancing in force he should reconnoitre them and send in information; but if there was a small party he should attack and beat them off. Scott set out and arrived in sight of the enemy about dusk, and commenced the attack. The heavy firing soon announced that the whole British army was engaged, and Gen. Brown, with the remainder of the army, marched to the aid of Gen. Scott, and on arriving on the field of battle he knew nothing of Gen. Scott's position.

Just as the Colonel enters upon his description of the famous battle of Lundy's Lane, the record is brought to a sudden termination by the loss of the remaining leaves. Were this account preserved it would, no doubt, constitute a valuable contribution to the history of the war of 1812. While its loss is to be regretted, when we take into account the age of the document in question and the dangers of total destruction which it has doubtless encountered, its disappearance is not strange, and the only wonder is that any portion of it should still exist.

Col. Macfeely was a native of Carlisle, Pa., and died at that place on January 19, 1854, leaving a wife and five children, two sons and three daughters. The widow is still living at the old homestead in Carlisle, is now well advanced in years, and throughout her life has been held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Brigadier General Robert Macfeely, the present Commissary General of Subsistence of the United States Army, is a son of Col. Macfeely.

Masks.

If we could only read each other's hearts, we should be kinder to each other. If we knew the woes and bitterness and physical annoyances of our neighbors, we should make allowances for them which we do not now. We go about masked, uttering stereotyped sentiments, hiding our heart pangs and our head aches as carefully as we can; and yet we wonder that others do not discover them by intuition. We cover our best feelings from the light; we do not so conceal our resentments and dislikes, of which we are prone to be proud. Often two people sit close together, with "I love you" in either heart, and neither knows it. Either thinks, "I could be fond; but what use of wasting fondness on one who does not care for it?" and so they part and go their ways alone. Life is a masquerade, at which few unmask, even to their very dearest. And though there is a need of much masking, would to heaven we dared show plainly our real faces, from birth to death, for then some few, at least, would truly love each other.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following transfers of real estate were placed on file in the Recorder's office yesterday:

Wm. Hageman et ux., clal., to Peter Gutman, October 31, 1875; 2 lots on Coal street, Thirtieth ward, city. Price.....$2,500

A. H. Rowand, Jr., et ux., to Richard L. Jones, March 3, 18.6; lot on Arch street, Verona borough. Price.....$1,375

Henry Hambach et ux., to Charles Michael, February 1, 1876; lot on First street, Boydstown. Price.....$1,000

Christian Michael et ux., to Charles Michael, September 8, 1875; 4 lots on Brownsville avenue, Thirty-first ward, city. Consideration.....$1,000

R. H. Fife, Sheriff, to the Enterprise Savings Bank of Allegheny, February 19, 1876; lot on Roup street, Pittsburgh. Price.....$700

Samuel McClinkan et ux. to Phillip Killinger, April 27, 1876; lot on Boundary street, Thirty-sixth ward, city. Price.....$500

Jacob Eisenshen et ux. to Mary Scheckel, December 12, 1872; 17 acres and 31 perches in Indiana township. Price.....$1,000

G. Brodeneskel et ux. to G. Schickel, March 1, 1876; tract in Indiana township. Price.....$1,500

John Glass et ux. to Q. Lutz et ux., October 25, 1875; tract in Indiana township. Price.....$1,500

Alexander A. Bannerot et ux. to Regina F. Bannerot, September 28, 1875; lot on East Lane Fourth ward, Allegheny. Price.....nom.

Giles A. Fawkes et ux. to James Arthurs, January 29, 1876; lot on Warren street, Seventh ward, Allegheny. Price.....$500

George Lowen et ux. to Mrs. Charlotte Price, February 18, 1876; 6 acres and 29 perches in Lower St. Clair township. Price.....$500

John Lowen et ux. to George Lowen, February 14, 1876; 7 acres and 29 perches in Lower St. Clair township. Price.....nom.

James Harrison et ux. to Edward Harrison, Feb. 20, 1876; lot on Ridge avenue, Thirteenth ward, city. Price.....nom.

Edward Harrison to Mrs. Ann Harrison, February 20, 1876; same lot. Price.....nom.

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The financial situation has subsided, now that the settlements of the month have been made, to one of considerable dullness. The light business of the last month or two in commercial pursuits has diminished the supply of mercantile paper, and this is barely made good by the deficiency in collections. These have shown a tendency to improve whenever the weather and the condition of the country roads mended sufficiently to permit, but there has been so little of this that merchants have been obliged to betake themselves more than usual to the banks. The country borrowers who drew so heavily on the resources of the banks two and three months ago, are now beginning to repay, and are replacing the balances drawn out. The city demand for loans is scarcely vigorous enough to absorb this accumulating surplus, and outside applications for loans are consequently more in request.

Good mortgages are being sought after. There is an abundance of money to be had on this class of securities. On city property money can be had for 9 per cent. per annum; on rural property 10 per cent. is asked. The offerings of bank stock in the last few days astonished a good many of our old financiers. Money is plenty, and why there is so much of our very best paying bank stock on the market shows that the general belief is the banks must cut down their dividends. There is no rubbing it out, our business men cannot afford to pay high rates for discount, and we submit that it would be better all round if the banks would reduce their rates. Owners of bank stock have been receiving large dividends, and they, too, should, and no doubt would, be satisfied with less till business revives.

Rates of discount at the banks are 8@10 per cent. On the streets loanable funds are seeking investment at low rates of interest. There is an oversupply of inferior paper. Rates are 10@12 per cent.

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Lehigh Valley (B)	63¾		

NEW YORK, March 6, 1876.

Money 3@3½; prime mercantile paper 4½@5½. The customs receipts were $571,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $360,000. The clearings were $26,000,000. Sterling was quiet at 485¾@489¼. Gold opened at 114¾, advanced to 114¾, and closed at 114¾. The carrying rates were 1 to 5. Governments were steady. Railroad bonds were generally steady. Burlington & Cedar Rapids firsts sold at 50 on an advance of 2½ per cent., and Jefferson firsts at 71, a rise of 1 per cent. State securities were quiet. The stock market opened weak at a decline of ¼ to 1 per cent. as compared with the closing prices of Saturday, but subsequently there was a slight advance, which, however, was followed by a pressure to sell in Pacific Mail and Western Union, causing a decline of 2½ per cent. in the former and ¾ in the latter. The general list and Granger stocks and Lake Shore were higher. Pacific Mail opened at 22¾, fell off to 22½, rose to 22¾, declined to 20½, and still later sold at 20¼@20¾. These fluctuations were accompanied by various rumors, as usual. Western Union declined from 69 1-4 to 68½ on the announcement that the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company had made a reduction of from 20 to 25 per cent. in the rates from New York to San Francisco and the principal cities west of Chicago. Afterwards the stock sold up to 68¾. During the last hour the market was strong and higher. The advance from the lowest point ranged from ¼ to 2¾ per cent., and was most marked in western shares, Pacific Mail and Western Union Telegraph. Lake Shore rose to 64¾. Northwest common to 43¾, preferred to 64½, St. Paul common to 43½, preferred to 80 1-4, Michigan Central to 61¾, Hannibal & St. Joe common to 18¾, preferred to 28½, Erie to 18¼, Union Pacific to 67, and Ohios to 21½. In some cases there was a fractional reaction at the close. Pacific Mail recovered from 20 to 20¼, and reacted to 21¼, finally closing at 21¼. Western Union rallied from 68½ to 69¼, and in the closing dealings fell back to 69¼. The market was more or less influenced by rumors throughout the day. In the morning it was rumored that the Pacific Mail Company was about to issue $2,000,000 bonds, and later that it would sell some of its steamers. The transactions aggregated 207,000 shares, of which 66,000 were Pacific Mail, 48,000 Western Union, 9,000 St. Pauls, 4,000 Erie, 64,000 Lake Shore, and 4,000 Ohios.

Governments— United States Coupons 1881, 123¾; 5-20s '65, 119; do. new, 119; do. '67, 121½; do. '68, 123¾; new 5s, 115; 10-40s, 118¾; do. coupons, 119; currency 6s, 126¾.

State Bonds—Tennessees old, 46½; do. new, 40; Virginia new, 39; old 38; Missouri 6s, 104½.

Stocks—Western Union Telegraph Co., 69¼; Pacific Mail, 21¾; Adams Express, 106½; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 87; American Express, 62½; United States Express, 73½; New York Central, 115½; Erie, 18¼; do. preferred, 35; Harlem, 142; do. preferred, 134; Michigan Central, 61¾; Lake Shore, 64¾; Union Pacific, 67; Illinois Central, 102; Pittsburgh, 94½; Northwestern common, 43; do. preferred, 65¾; New Jersey Central, 107; Rock Island, 110¾; St. Paul, 43¾; do. preferred, 80¾; Toledo & Wabash, 8½; do. preferred, 94; Terre Haute, 3; do. preferred, 19; Fort Wayne, 103; Chicago & Alton, 101½; do. preferred, 107½; Ohio & Mississippi, 21¾; Indiana Central, 4¾; Burlington & Quincy, 191¾; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 18½; Delaware & Lackawana, 118½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co., 18; Central Pacific, 108½; Union, 105½; do. Grant, 103; Panama, 132; Maripossa, 7; do. preferred, 7; Missouri Pacific, 112¾.

LONDON, March 6—5 P. M.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £5,000. Consols: money, 94 1-16; account, 94 5-16; 5-20s '65, 105; do '67, 107 1-2; 10-40s, 106; new 5s, 106; New York Central, 104; Erie, 15½; preferred 31.

PARIS, March 6.—Rentes, 66f 97½c.

FRANKFORT, March 6.—U. S. new 5s, 102.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, March 6, 1876.

The market for Crude was dull and weak to-day, and, as compared with Saturday, prices were lower; United was quoted late in the day at $1.06, and immediate shipment at $2.12½. Refined also dull, with a drooping tendency; quoted at 13¾@14c delivered in Philadelphia, and 10¾@10¾c on cars here.

The Farrel market continues dull and unchanged; countries, $1.05; city make, $1.15@1.20.

The *Scientific American* has an article on the alleged railway discrimination against the Pittsburgh oil refiners, says:

When the oil is at Cleveland it is 426 miles distant from Philadelphia, while the distance from Pittsburgh is 356 miles. But the rate of freight from the two cities over roads controlled by the same corporation is the same.

In these figures we only refer to the open (published) rates of freight. Taking the relative distances of the two cities both from the wells and the seaboard, as a basis, the Pittsburgh refiners should pay just about two-thirds the amount paid by Cleveland refiners for freight. And in the estimate we do not take any account of the advantages of river shipments of crude oil to Pittsburgh during perhaps one-third of the year. When the Allegheny is navigable, oil is brought from the pipe lines to Pittsburgh at ten cents a barrel, making a saving of 25 cts ₰ barrel over railroad rates. To prevent such shipments by river, and to force all shipments over the railroad, a difference of 37½c a barrel in the rate of freight on oil from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia is made in favor of oil that has been brought to the refineries over the railroad; that is, if crude oil is shipped to the refineries at Pittsburgh by river at a cost of ten cents a barrel, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company charges 47½ cents a barrel more for carrying the refined oil made from that crude oil to Philadelphia than it charges for carrying refined oil made from crude that has been brought to the refineries by rail at a cost of 35 cents a bbl.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, March 6, 1876.

The general position of the leading markets remains substantially the same as it was at the date of our last weekly review; business is not improving as rapidly as could be desired by any means, and it is not what it should be or usually is at this particular time. The hand-to-mouth policy is still being pretty closely adhered to; there is a general disposition manifested in commercial circles to pursue a conservative policy, demonstrating that there is still a want of confidence, and the events of the past week, we regret to state, have not been of a character to increase confidence. Some good weather drying up the country roads would have a good effect on business, as a great many country orders are being held back in consequence of the almost impassable condition of the roads. Our merchants and manufactures as well, report business as being very unsatisfactory, that in addition to a light demand, there is little or no margin for profit, and in not a few instances, collections are reported very slow.

APPLES—The market has been fairly active during the past week, but with continued liberal receipts, and an increased supply, prices are easy but unchanged; a round lot of 50 or 100 bbls could not be disposed of possibly by 20 or 25 cents per bbl of the prices offered a week ago, but in a regular jobbing way, there has been no change whatever. We continue to quote at $4.50@4.50 per bbl for fair to strictly prime.

APPLE BUTTER—Is in light stock but there is not much inquiry and prices remain as last quoted; 6@7c ₰ gallon, according to quality.

ASHES—Following are the current rates—In a jobbing way: Common Soda, (48 per cent.) 3@3½c; Refined do., (50 per cent.) 3¾@4c; Pearl ash, 7½@8; Potash, 7c; Nitrate Soda, 3¾@4c; Manganese, 6½@7c; Arsenic, 5c; Flour Spar, 2@2½c.

ALE—There is no change to note in prices and trade is generally reported dull, the same as everything else, affected by the hard times. X ₰ bbl to the city and ₰ to country; XX $10; India $11. half bbls in proportion.

BEANS—There is rather more inquiry, but it is chiefly for small lots, and dealers report the market dull, and while the receipts for sometime past have been small the supply is considerably in excess of present requirements. Navies quoted at $1.15@1.20 per bushel to the trade, and 10@15c additional in a small way.

BUTTER—The was a continued steady demand for prime table Butter since the date of our last weekly report, and prices are fairly sustained; the receipts of prime stock continue light which may be attributed to the bad condition of the country roads, and the indications are that there will be a continued good trade for some weeks to come, as there nearly always is at this season of the year. With common and inferior stock the market is overstocked, as it usually is and as the great proportion of the receipts recently have been of this character, the supply is accumulating and commission men report that it is hard to work off at any price. Sales at 31@32c for strictly choice rolls; 28@30c for good to prime; 20@25c for fair to medium and 12@15c for common. The Eastern markets are a good deal like our own; prime stock in demand but low grades very dull.

BROOM HANDLES—We quote in a jobbing way: No 1 Plain.....$16 00 ₰ thousand
No 2 do.....12 00 do
No 1 Painted.....21 00 do
Toy Painted.....12 50 do

BROOMS—Quotations for "Union factory" remain the same, as follows:

No 2 common Brooms	$2.00
No 3 Hurl	2.25
No 4 Hurl	3.00
No 5 Hurl	3.25
No 6 Hurl	3.50
No 3 carpet	3.75
No 4 carpet	4.00
Fancy Parlor	4.25
Stock Braid (86)	3.00
Stock Braid (40)	2.75
Whisps, 6, 9 and 10 inch	1.25@1.75 per dozen
Toy Brooms	1.00@1.50 "

CHEESE—There has been a very fair jobbing demand during the past week but no change whatever in prices; 14@14¾c for prime Ohio Factory, and 14½ at for New York. There is little or no demand for low grade cheese in this market, hence it is hard to dispose of at any price.

CRANBERRIES—In light supply, and the recent sharp advance is fully maintained—$15@16 ₰ bbl.

COAL AND COKE—There is a fair trade in Coke but prices are still reported unsatisfactory; ₰2.40@2.50 per ton, delivered free on cars in Pittsburgh. Coal continues dull, and in consequence of the mild weather, the consumption has been comparatively light all winter.

COPPER—Manufactured Copper has been advanced 1c ₰ lb, and it is said the card is being closely adhered to.

CORDAGE AND ROPE—Continues dull, remarkably so, but there has been no further change in rates, which we annex as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upwards	14¼ cts. per lb
"	15¼ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	15¾ "
Tarred rope and bolt cordage	14¼ "
Hay, stave and leather twine	14¾ "

OIL WELL DRILLING CABLES.

Hawser laid	14¾ cts. per lb
" Bolt Rope Yarns	16¾ "
Sand Pump Rope	14¾ "

SISAL ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
⅜ inch diameter	12¾ "
¼ inch diameter	12¾ "
Hay, Spoke and Leather Twine	11¾ "

CEMENT, &c., &c.—Following are the jobbing rates: Louisville Cement, ₰2.00@2.25 ₰ bbl, Rosendale, ₰3.50; Youghiogheny, ₰2.00@2.25; Portland, ₰7.50. Calcined Plaster—French's Selected, $4; New York, $3.50; Michigan, $3.50. White Limes, Cumberland, $1.65@1.75; Piedmont, $1.60@1.70; Ohio, $1.50@1.75; Land Plaster, $2.75@3.25.

CANNED GOODS—There is a very fair demand reported, but no change in prices. Following are the prevailing jobbing rates:

2 lb Blackberries	$1 50	2 lb Bartlett Pears	$1 90
2 lb Damson Plums	1 50	2 lb Common Pears	2 00
2 lb White Cherries	2 75	2 lb Pine Apple	2 00
2 lb Red Cherries	2 00	2 lb Quinces	1 75
2 lb Gooseberries	1 80	2 lb Raspberries	2 75
2 lb Green Gages	3 00	2 lb Strawberries	2 00
2 lb Egg Plums	2 00	2 lb Lima Beans	1 50
2 lb Damson Plums	2 50	2 lb String Beans	1 50
2 lb Peaches	1 75	2 lb Winslow's Corn	2 25
2 lb Peaches—Yellow	2 25	2 lb Tomatoes	1 75
3 lb pie Peaches	1 60	3 lb Tomatoes	1 65

DRESSED HOGS—Very dull, the recent advance having checked the demand, and, in addition, the season is about over—may be quoted at 5¾@6c.

DRIED FRUIT—Continues dull, but prices are still maintained; 8@10c ₰ lb for common to choice Apples. Peaches—prime old halves, 11¾@12c—no new in the market. Blackberries reported very dull at 14@15c.

EGGS—There has been a very fair demand during the past week, and the supply has been somewhat reduced in consequence, but there has been little or no change in prices; quotations may be given at 17 cts—most of the sales having been at this. The market is governed almost wholly by the weather.

FLOUR—The receipts have been liberal during the past week, and notwithstanding the demand is mostly to supply immediate wants, there is a very fair volume of business in the aggregate. Good flours are believed to be good property at current rates, in consequence of the comparative scarcity of good sound wheat, while low grades, made from sprouty wheat, are difficult to dispose of at any price. There is more flour of this latter character offering than for many years, and it is because there is not much sprouty wheat, and hence there is reason to believe, were higher, say 10@15c ₰ cwt., but it should be borne in mind that there was a better quality of cattle, and then the Chicago bought stock are fed, and this adds materially to the good property, as the supply is light—it is chiefly sought after both by dealers and consumers. We continue former quotations: Spring wheat flours, ₰5.25@6.75, the outside figure for choice Minnesotas; red winters, ₰5.50@7; amber, ₰7.00@7.50; fancy white wheat brands, ₰8@9. Rye flour, ₰4.75@5. Buckwheat flour is in good supply and very dull, being about out of season, and it is probable a good deal of that in the market will have to be sold for cow feed.

FEATHERS—In light supply—sales of choice live geese at 70@75c; mixed, 25@45c.

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Syrups firm. New Orleans Molasses steady. Rice quiet. Teas lower and weak for all descriptions. Spices lower, except Pepper, which is holding up. Tobacco steady.

RICE.

Carolina	7 @7¼	Louisiana	5¼@6½

SYRUPS.

Choice	45 @70	Fair	55 @58
Prime	60 @65	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	60	N.O. strictly prime	58
Fair	55	Demarara	50@55

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¼	Standard B	9¾
Crushed	12¼	Standard Ex C	9¼
Granulated	11	Refined Yellows	8¾@ 9¾
Powdered	12¼	N. O. new crop	8 @ 9
Standard A	10		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	23½	R. Rio, lb pkgs	27
Prime Rio	22 @23	R. Rio, loose	26½
Good Rio	20½ @21½	Roasted Java	38 to 40
Old Gov. Java	34		

FRUITS.

Val. Raisins, per lb	12	Turkish Prunes	6 @ 7
L. Raisins, per box	2 25	French Prunes	9 @12
Currents, per lb	8		

TEAS.

Young Hyson	45 @1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder	60 @1 10	Oolong	35 @ 85
Imperial	80 @ 90	Souchong	35 @ 75

SOAPS.

Best Wax	7¼	Babbitt's Best, per box	
Superior Wax	6½		7,00
Woman's Friend	5½	White Russian, per box	6 00
Duchess, per box	4 50		

SUNDRIES.

Silver gloss Starch	9¾		
Pearl Starch	5@5¾ c		
Lamp Chimneys, No. 1 and 2	.65 @ 90		
Bi Carb Soda, in Kegs	5	a 6	
Bi Carb Soda, boxes	8		
Concentrated Lye	$4 50@5 50		
Pearl Barley, per ½ bbl	6 00		
Oat Meal, in bbls, A. & B	8 50		
Oat Meal, half bbls	4 50		
German Mills	8 87½		
Shot—drop	2 50		
Shot—buck	2 75		

GRAIN—The grain markets continue dull, unusually so for this season of the year, and this has been the case all winter; for this there are various causes assigned, to some of which we shall refer. The soft, open weather rendered it unnecessary to feed live stock as much grain as ordinarily, and then there has been so little work for horses, in consequence of the depression in business, that there has been a much smaller number wintered than usual. There is still considerable inquiry for good sound Wheat, but millers continue to complain that they cannot pay current rates and compete with Western flours; it is true they can buy common or sprouty wheat at almost any price, but then good flour cannot be made out of bad wheat, hence our local millers are obliged to buy good wheat or none at all. Choice Spring wheat flours are being sold at ₰6.50@6.75, whereas at current rates for prime winter wheat it costs about ₰7 to make a good winter wheat flour; and the consequence is the former is largely taking the place of the latter. Good to prime Ohio and Indiana red wheat may be fairly quoted at $1.39@1.33; prime amber, $1.38@1.40. Unsound or sprouty wheat is hard to dispose of at any price. The Oat market is easier in consequence of increased receipts and offerings with no improvement in the demand, but prices are not quotably lower; Pennsylvania and Ohio mixed, 40 to 41c; white, 42@43c. The supply of Shelled Corn is comparatively light and the general tone of the market is possibly a shade firmer, but prices have undergone no quotable change; Ohio and Indiana mixed, 47@48c; do Yellow, 49@50c; prime Missouri and Kansas Yellow, which is fully equal to old stock, 58@56c; Ear Corn is coming forward more freely and the market is reported dull but unchanged; 48@50c, on track. Rye continues dull but unchanged at 70@75c. Barley is reported as being the hardest grain in the market to dispose of, and there is probably more of it offering.

HOMINY—Quiet and unchanged; quotable a ₰5.75@6.00 for the trade, and ₰4@4.25 in a small way.

HAY—The market for baled continues dull and with the supply accumulating and a stronger disposition to realize, prices are weak and drooping—upland prairie quotable at ₰10@12; timothy, ₰15@17; loose—from country wagons ₰18@21, as to quality and condition. Oat Straw very dull, ₰9@11 per load.

HIDES—The prices have declined since our last report. There is a good demand for heavy steers, but cows, bulls and damaged are lower and hard to sell. We quote:

Green Salted Cows	6¾@ 7
Green Salted Steers, Light	7¾@ 8
Green Salted Steers, Heavy	8 @ 9
Green Salted Calf	9 @11
Green Butcher Cows	5½
Green Butcher Steers, light	6
Green Butcher Steers, heavy	8
Green Butcher Calf	10

LEATHER—General trade is rather quiet in this article. Harness in fair demand. Upper very dull. Calf slow. Rough Leather of choice quality scarce. Red Sole unchanged. We quote:

Oak Sole, country	0.31@ 0.39
Oak Sole, city	0.38@ 0.45
Red Sole, B.A. heav and mid	0.29@ 0.36
Red Sole, Oroneco	0.28@ 0.31
Red Sole, good dgd	0.25@ 0.29
Oak, Rough	0.24@ 0.27
Harness, city oak	0.36@ 0.38
Harness, country	0.30@ 0.35
Harness, No. 2 and common	0.28@ 0.32
Fair Skirting	0.40@ 0.43
Good Skirting, ₰ doz	14.00@18.00
Belt Leather	0.40@ 0.44
Finished Calf	0.90@ 1.25
Finished Upper, ₰ foot	0.18@ 0.22
Finished Kips	0.30@ 0.90

LUMBER—The following are the current rates:

Flooring, No 1 per M	$25 00
No 2	21 00
Best No 1 15-inch Shingles	4 75
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SMoudings ¾c per inch square per running foot.
Inside Shutters, inch thick, 20c per square foot.
Window Frames and Sash from ₰2.50 to ₰3.50 per window.
Four Panel Doors from ₰2.50 to ₰3.50 each.

ONIONS—There is an increasing demand, and prices are firmer; ₰1.75@2 ₰ bbl.

MILL FEED—The market continues very dull, but the inquiry is mostly for small lots, and there has been no quotable change in prices. Bran ₰14@15 ₰ ton; Seconds and Shipstuffs, ₰17@18; Middlings and Chopped Feed, ₰20@22, as to quality.

POTATOES—The receipts are not large, the supply still appears to be in excess of the demand and prices are barely maintained—30@35c ₰ bu. on track, and 40@45c, in a jobbing way, out of store. There does not appear to be much hope of any advance in prices this spring, as the supply is large, and only waits an opportunity to come forward.

PEA NUTS—In fair demand. Stocks here lighter than they have been for years. We quote choice Tennessee white at 6@6½c; red, 5½@5¾c.

PECANS—In light supply and limited demand. Sales at 10@11c.

PROVISIONS—The market continues firm, and since the date of our last weekly report we have further advanced our quotations, and while rates are higher than they have been, if we mistake not, for small parcels, the products are cheaper relatively than hogs, and it follows, therefore, that either the one must go still higher or the other decline; we look for a decline in hogs, as it is scarcely possible for the products to go any higher in view of the depression in business, which must, of necessity, curtail the consumption.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb | 14¾ | Do, half barrels | 14¾
Shoulders, Ex. S. C. | 10½ | Do, buckets | 15
S'ked Bacon, S. C. | 14¾ | Lard, Ref. for sum'r | —
Dried Beef, Ex Sugar Cured, old | 15 | Do, in tierces | —
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz | 8½ | Do, in ½ bbls | —
Bacon Shoulders | 10 | Do, in buckets | —
Rib Sides | 13½ | Do, 3 lb paddles | 16¾
Short Rib do | 13¾ | Do, 5 lb do | 16¾
Clear Sides | 13¾ | Do, 8 lb do | 16¾
Mess Pork, per bbl | $23.25 | Ham Sausage | 9
Family Mess Pork | — | Carbon Oil | —
Short Cut | 24 25 | Tallow, Cakes, in kegs | —
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb | 14 | Do, do, ½ bbls | —
 | | Do, do, bbls | —

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 12@14c ₰ lb; live do., 8@10c ₰ pair; dressed Turkeys, 16@17c; do., live, 10@12c.

RAGS—Steady at 3c ₰ lb for good country mixed.

SEEDS—Clover seed continues very dull, which may be attributed to the unwillingness of farmers to pay current rates, ₰8@8.25 ₰ bushel. Timothy seed is easy at ₰2.80@2.80, as to quality and condition; we can report a sale of one car of Flax Seed at $1.40.

WINDOW GLASS—The market has not varie much recently; we continue to quote at 40 & 10 off Pittsburgh list, which we annex as follows:

PER BOX OF FIFTY FEET—SINGLE STRENGTH.

Quality.	1st Quality.	Dbl. Quality.	
9 by 8 to 7 by 9		$ 3 75	$ 6 50
7 by 10 to 8 by 10	$3 75	4 25	7 00
8 by 11 to 10 by 12	4 00	4 50	7 50
8 by 14 to 10 by 15	4 25	4 75	7 75
10 by 16 to 12 by 18	4 75	5 25	8 75
12 by 18 to 14 by 20		5 50	9 00
15 by 20 to 18 by 22		6 00	9 50
18 by 24 to 20 by 30		6 50	10 50
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26 by 28 to 24 by 36		7 50	12 00
28 by 30 to 24 by 40		8 00	14 00
24 by 46 to 30 by 52		9 00	15 00
30 by 52 to 30 by 54			16 00
30 by 56 to 34 by 58			18 00
34 by 58 to 38 by 60			20 00
36 by 60 to 40 by 66			22 00

All sizes over 82 inches in length, and not making 84 united inches, will be charged to 84 united inches bracket.

WOODEN WARE—The advance in the card rates by manufacturers, to which reference was made in these columns several weeks ago, is still maintained.

No. 1 Tubs ₰ dozen	₰ 00
No. 2 do	7 00
No. 3 do	7 00
2 Hoop Pails ₰ doz	1 50
3 Hoop Pails ₰ doz	2 15
Globe Washboards ₰ doz (patented)	2 75
Common do	2 25
Clothes Pins ₰ box	90@$1 25

WHITE LEAD—Strictly pure in kegs, 10c ₰ lb by the ton; in 25 ₰ tin cans, 11c; in 12 ₰ tin cans 11½c; assorted 1 to 5 ₰ cans, 13c; fancy brands in kegs and tinned, 12c; drayage, 3c ₰ 100 lbs on all shipments.

ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, March 6, 1876.

CATTLE.

The number on sale was 218 head short of that of last Monday, but with the exception that trade possibly was a little more active, there was no perceptible improvement. The average prices, we have reason to believe, were higher, say 10@15c ₰ cwt., but it should be borne in mind that there was a better quality of cattle, and then the Chicago bought stock are fed, and this adds materially to the good property, as the supply is light—it is chiefly sought after both by dealers and consumers. We continue former quotations: Spring wheat flours, ₰6.25@6.75, the outside figure for choice Minnesotas; red winters, ₰6.50@7; amber, ₰7.00@7.50; fancy white wheat brands, ₰8@9. Rye flour, ₰4.75@5. Buckwheat flour is in good supply and very dull, being about out of season, and it is probable a good deal of that in the market will have to be sold for cow feed.

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Syrups firm. New Orleans Molasses steady. Rice quiet. Teas lower and weak for all descriptions. Spices lower, except Pepper, which is holding up. Tobacco steady.

RICE.

Carolina	7 @7¼	Louisiana	5¼@6½

SYRUPS.

Choice	45 @70	Fair	55 @58
Prime	60 @65	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	60	N.O. strictly prime	58
Fair	55	Demarara	50@55

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¼	Standard B	9¾
Crushed	12¼	Standard Ex C	9¼
Granulated	11	Refined Yellows	8¾@ 9¾
Powdered	12¼	N. O. new crop	8 @ 9
Standard A	10		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	23½	R. Rio, lb pkgs	27
Prime Rio	22 @23	R. Rio, loose	26½
Good Rio	20½ @21½	Roasted Java	38 to 40
Old Gov. Java	34		

FRUITS.

Val. Raisins, per lb	12	Turkish Prunes	6 @ 7
L. Raisins, per box	2 25	French Prunes	9 @12
Currents, per lb	8		

TEAS.

Young Hyson	45 @1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder	60 @1 10	Oolong	35 @ 85
Imperial	80 @ 90	Souchong	35 @ 75

SOAPS.

Best Wax	7¼	Babbitt's Best, per box	
Superior Wax	6½		7,00
Woman's Friend	5½	White Russian, per box	6 00
Duchess, per box	4 50		

SUNDRIES.

Silver gloss Starch	9¾		
Pearl Starch	5@5¾ c		
Lamp Chimneys, No. 1 and 2	.65 @ 90		
Bi Carb Soda, in Kegs	5	a 6	
Bi Carb Soda, boxes	8		
Concentrated Lye	$4 50@5 50		
Pearl Barley, per ½ bbl	6 00		
Oat Meal, in bbls, A. & B	8 50		
Oat Meal, half bbls	4 50		
German Mills	8 87½		
Shot—drop	2 50		
Shot—buck	2 75		

GRAIN—The grain markets continue dull, unusually so for this season of the year, and this has been the case all winter; for this there are various causes assigned, to some of which we shall refer. The soft, open weather rendered it unnecessary to feed live stock as much grain as ordinarily, and then there has been so little work for horses, in consequence of the depression in business, that there has been a much smaller number wintered than usual. There is still considerable inquiry for good sound Wheat, but millers continue to complain that they cannot pay current rates and compete with butchers, without an exception, are buying very sparingly—some have stopped buying altogether—they allege that there is no margin at the current rates for pork, and that they cannot put pork up any higher. Sales were made, in a retail way, at 8¼@9¼c, gross. Johnston & Co., of Ohio, wholesaled 44 head common, averaging 195 lbs, at 8.20.

FRESH COWS.

The supply was small, in consequence, partially at least, of the bad condition of the country roads. No particular change in prices. J. Besler, 4 at an average of about $45 each; Geo. Hamerley, 4 at $45 a60 each; E. McMillan, 3 at $45, $53 and $58 each.

VEAL CALVES.

The arrivals have been comparatively light during the past week or two, in consequence of the bad condition of the country roads, but prices have undergone no change, ranging from 8½@8½c ₰ lb, as

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities for to-day are areas of rain, southerly winds, and falling barometer, followed by southwest to northwest winds, and rising barometer.

The Gospel Meetings

will be held this week in the Central Presbyterian church, Smithfield street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Rev. Jno. De Witt will preach to night. Services will begin at 7½ o'clock. Seats free and all are invited.

The Bulwer Club.

At a meeting of the members of the Bulwer Club, last evening, the following officers were elected:

President—Mr. John Earle.
Stage Director—Prof. Wm. Mason Evans.
Treasurer—Mr. Wm. J. Diehl.
Secretary—Mr. Marion M. Ogden.

The Club is in receipt of numerous congratulations on their rendition of the "Lady of Lyons," and it is understood will, in response to many requests, give a repetition of it at an early date.

Allegheny Water Committee.

The Water Committee of Allegheny Councils met last evening, Mr. James Callery presiding. A large number of exonerations and abatements of water tax were allowed. The monthly pay rolls and bills were approved. Several resolutions for extension of water mains were referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Knox, Wilson and Parkhill, and the Superintendent of the Water Works, to examine and report. After the transaction of some further routine business adjourned.

AN EXCELLENT JOKE.

Paul Carson vs. Sheriff Fife.

The quietness and lack of interest that pervades the offices in the Court House during the day was somewhat disturbed yesterday morning when Sheriff Fife arrived at his office and made the announcement that he had been arrested for perjury on a warrant issued by Alderman Crist, of the Sixth ward, Allegheny, at the instance and upon the oath of Mr. Paul Carson, a discharged Deputy Sheriff. The boys at first took it as a joke, the matter appearing to be so absurd, but when the Sheriff assured them that it was no joke they one and all wanted to know where the perjury came in. He explained that according to the allegations of his prosecutor it was in taking the oath of office. Mr. Carson avers that Mr. Fife promised him a situation as Deputy Sheriff. He did not get it, and he is therefore of the opinion that the Sheriff has violated the Constitution, and should be made to suffer. If the appointment had been given him of course Mr. Fife would be a gentleman and a scholar. The whole affair is treated by the attorneys at the bar as quite a joke. The general belief is that Mr. Carson has been made the tool of other parties, who dislike the idea that the Sheriff's office is being run to the satisfaction and for the benefit of the people and the bar in particular without their services. It is hardly necessary to say that Sheriff Fife took the matter coolly, gave bail promptly and and proposes to have the case heard in Court.

JENNIE EVANS' SUICIDE.

A Verdict in Accordance With the Evidence Published Yesterday — Additional Interesting Particulars.

Coroner McCallin held the inquest yesterday at Sharpsburg upon the death of Jennie Evans, of which full particulars were given in yesterday's GAZETTE. Nothing new whatever was developed except that the remains of the girl, instead of being found by dragging the river, were found by some men along the shore. The river had fallen about a foot during the night, leaving about six feet more of the shelving river bank visible, and the body was found with the feet lying just outside the water. The measure of the prints of a woman's shoe in the tracks leading from the railroad to the water was exactly that of the shoes found upon the feet of the dead girl. The other evidences of suicide, as given yesterday, were so convincing that the jury arrived at a verdict to that effect without any difficulty whatever.

The parents of the girl reached the city yesterday, and appeared greatly affected by the sad story of their daughter's death. Her father, Mr. J. Evans, called at the Mayor's office and positively denied the story that she had been driven from home. He further stated that she had been married to a man named Williams, by Alderman Bird, in October, 1872, and that they had lived unhappily together, causing a separation.

Mr. Evans also related the curious fact that the girl returned to the house of her childhood to end her life. Up to 1862 Mr. Evans lived just above Sharpsburg, and Jennie had often played upon the river bank from which she walked into eternity, and traversed the very ground that brought her oblivion. From a lawyer who was her attorney it is learned that the girl would have received $1,300 in about two weeks from the man who seduced her. As the result of a suit, a judgment note was given for $1,500, which will be due in the time mentioned. The attorney's fee is $200, and the balance, which would have been the girl's, was to go to her child. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, from the residence of the sister of the deceased, in Allegheny.

A QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

The Ministerial Association's Consideration Yesterday of the Bible in the Common Schools.

At meeting of the Ministerial Association was held yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, near the corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue, for the purpose of discussing the question of the Bible in the public schools. Rev. Dr. Bittinger, of Sewickley, presided. The debate was opened by Dr. Sloan, of Allegheny, who read a logical and finely written paper pertinent to the subject. He opened by stating that the emergence of politico-religious questions from comparative obscurity and neglect into special prominence assumed the features of a marked feature of these times. The entire question of the relation of the State to religious institutions is pressing to the front and demanding a more rational and satisfactory treatment than it has heretofore received. Of these politico religious questions that of the "Bible in the Schools" is just now the most prominent. Indeed it appears as though the skirmishing on this point might bring on battle all along the line, and lead to a decision as to whether Christianity does or does not lie at the basis of our civil institutions. The precise question is not, shall the Bible be placed in the schools, but shall it be retained there? "Professor Wickersham, Superintendent of Public Schools in Pennsylvania, says that of the 17,000 schools in the State 14,500 have the Scripture read in them every day, and so far as is known, no offense is given by it." The controversy has not been inaugurated by the friends, but by the enemies of the Bible; not the former but the latter "began this barbarous howl;" the friends of the Bible are on this they mean "to hold the fort," peaceably if they can, forcibly if they must. Dr. Sloan then proceeded to elaborate an argument, the length of which prevents its reproduction here, showing that the chief opponents of the Bible in the public schools are Roman Catholics and infidels. The former, indeed, desire not merely the removal of the Bible but the total abolition of the schools, the latter the charterized as the meanest of the sects, small in numbers, little in influence, thoroughly anti-Christian and atheistic and therefore thoroughly sectarian. The school boards of Chicago and Cincinnati, which drove the Bible from the public schools, he said were largely composed of the lowest class of pot-house politicians. On the ground that there are more persons opposed to the removal of the Bible than conscientiously in favor of it, the speaker urged its retention and said that he would not surrender one inch of vantage ground, either to the minions of Rome or the noisy pack of infidels.

Rev. Rutherford, of Ireland, suggested as a method for the settlement of the question, that in schools where Catholic scholars predominate the Douay version of the Bible be read, while the Protestant children either be engaged at something else or taken to another room. Let the same plan be adopted where Protestant children are in the majority, except that the King James version of the Scriptures be read. This method he said had worked in Ireland. Dr. Sloan replied that the Catholics of this country didn't know any version of the Bible introduced into the schools. Rev. Robinson considered the opposition to the Bible not a matter of conscience but of policy, and an effort to overthrow religious liberty. Rev. Crane agreed pretty much with Mr. Rutherford and said that one man could not set himself up as the judge of another man's conscience. Conscience must be respected. Rev. Kennedy said that every man's opinion is his conscience, and that he would not lay down his principles of morality and religion to please any one who might practice all that he said with his heart could suggest. An attempt to lay down principles for Mormons, Chinese, Hindoos and others would result in a conglomeration of principles about which there would be no consistency. He argued for a fixed moral and religious standard. The only amusing incident that occurred during the session was while Rev. Walter Glass, quite an old gentleman and infirm of body and speech, was talking. His discussion of the topic took quite a wide range, and Prof. Crane suggested that he reduce his remarks to writing and have them printed in the report. It brought from the meeting a roar of the heartiest laughter, when the aged man turned toward the Professor and quietly said: "They are printed, sir, in the Bible."

The question for discussion at the next session of the Association will be, "How should the admitted defects of our present English version of the Bible be treated in the pulpit?" The debate will be opened by Dr. Williams.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in preference to Cream of Tartar and Soda or Expensive Baking Powder.

Ale and Beer Spigots,

Liquor Mixers, Bar Spoons, in great variety, at E. D. Weyburn & Co., 99 Smithfield street.

THE OIL TRADE.

The Question of Freights—What the Refiners Complain of—Their Grievances as Set Forth by one of the Fraternity.

The "freight question" is again engaging the attention of Pittsburgh refiners and their murmurings against the present tariff are both general and strong. In an article published a few days ago we gave a few facts upon both sides of the story. As the subject, however, is one of special interest inasmuch as it pertains to one of our leading industries, one of our representatives was detailed on yesterday to take a stroll among the refiners and gather from the general sentiment, the situation, more specifically as viewed from the refiners' standpoint. The dealers upon whom he called were found to be considerably exercised upon the subject, and from them the following article was gleaned—the language of the interviewed, as will be seen, being at times somewhat pointed and pungent:

The murder of the oil trade of Pittsburgh is one central shameful fact which, like the ghost of Hamlet's father, disobeys every order to stay down, and although the crowd are frequently harangued and told how all this is for their good, and as each new scheme is presented, are promised present and everlasting happiness in the joy it will bring with it, yet at every stage of the business they find themselves met by combinations and personal interests and counter currents which thwart every movement and cripple every endeavor, and to-day the great commanders of this once promising force, the railroads, find themselves with every lieutenant crippled, and only foreigners, who have no sympathy with them or their success as their allies, nearly every natural ally being *hors du combat*.

To go back and drag up from the miserable past the evidence so patent to every sane man of the right which Pittsburgh and her railroads had to the magnificent business which has enriched other cities, and has actually kept bankruptcy from the doors of other lines of railroads, would be a vain labor, as this has been time and again demonstrated, and now the only thing left for us here is to either fight a final uncompromising battle for life, or ask our magnanimous slayers for a decent burial, and acknowledge ourselves cold corpses. Through all the history of the trade in Pittsburgh there has been but one year when the railroads manifested the least desire to protect oil as a matter of policy. Aside from that time the history of the trade here has been a state of "fightings within and fears without." The rates imposed upon the trade have always been such as to keep those engaged in it poor, and when other corporations having the name of being grasping and avaricious were allowing their patrons to share to a liberal extent in the wealth from this splendid traffic, our lines were either blind to the growing dangers around them, or coquetting with the operators on the rival routes for personal gain. When the trade of Pittsburgh first began to feel the danger of the encroachments of the outside points, and see its growing strength, they were not then the dolts which their subsequent failures would indicate, but with a foresight almost prophetic they clamored daily for co-operation and protection against what they wisely deemed a natural enemy and a foreign foe. To this clamor a deaf ear was turned, with the one notable exception above referred to, and the astute answer of the Pennsylvania management was "wait until these northern people get their lines all laid, and all their money invested, so that they will be settled to one point, and *then we will show you that Pittsburgh shall have the business.*" The northern people laid their rails, built their cars, made their contracts with the P. R. R., which we were forced, sacred, and their contracts with their shippers, which enabled them to flourish and yet the millennium promised Pittsburgh never came

The next movement, and most potent in its results of any ever undertaken, was the inauguration of the transportation of oil in pipes. The first considerable line being the Pennsylvania Transportation Company's line, built by Mr. Harley, who offered it to the late Col. Phillips as an adjunct to the A. V. R. R., and being refused, the line was sold in part to the Erie and its officers, and thus was the first artery in the great system of pipes, which were to control the oil production, diverted from the Pittsburgh route, and its influence thrown in favor of the most dangerous competitor. It has been charged by some that certain officials of the P. R. R. were joint owners in this competing line, but such a monstrous thought as this is not to be entertained, *unless upon actual knowledge.*

The building of the Imperial Oil Works, at Oil City, was a cause of alarm to the trade at Pittsburgh, not because they could not fairly compete in an open field, but because they found among the stockholders the names of the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad almost exclusively, and because they feared that sort of competition which brought private interests to bear upon questions which was absolutely within their power. Nor were their fears allayed when they found the works sold to the Standard Oil Company of Cleveland, (who were avowedly intimidated into the P. R. R.) to be run by this corporation, and fostered by the northern railroads.

Next in the order of sequence is the purchase of the Union Pipe Line by the Empire Transportation Company. This movement was ostensibly made in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad, but really was used to serve the Empire Line with oil to carry whenever the most money could be made, whether to Cleveland or elsewhere, the principal dealers, however, on the line being parties who act avowedly in concert with Cleveland. In all this manipulation of pipes and cars the Pittsburgh trade is ignored, and rates are made from Titusville and elsewhere by which the manufacturers are beggared, while Pittsburgh has a most formidable puzzle given her to work out in the shape of a double rate—a sort of financial boomerang which is sure to kill the gunner, no matter whether he be at the breech or muzzle. By this plan we are prohibited from carrying oil to our refineries by the cheapest route, and compelled to transport by such route as the railroad may dictate, paying such option-ridden rates for freight, and then to transport by their lines to the seaboard, where another exorbitant charge is collected, payable partly in scrip issued when the crude freight was paid, and which may have been a year before, and surely cannot be less than a month, during which time the railroad has held this "forfeit money" as a hostage for the proper handling of goods which we have bought and paid for, and by all the laws of commerce should control.

The Columbia Conduit Company built their line with a view, as they asserted, of opening the port of Pittsburg, and, as many will remember, the battle was long and vigorous between the magnates, the friends of free trade in crude oil at Pittsburgh standing firmly in favor of an open conduit, while the men who were favored or promised favor opposed strenuously on the ground—soft and miry ground—that if the Conduit was to get through, Pittsburgh would be ignored, a pipe would be carried to the B. & O. R. R., and great loss would ensue. This war was a most vigorous one, and for a time Col. Phillips went down and found the man—whom he supposed to be drunk—dead. From the time he passed the man until he returned with the officer, not more than ten minutes passed, he assisted in the body to the station House. The pocket on the right side of the pantaloons was turned inside out.

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"The Mighty Dollar," which had its initial presentation in Pittsburgh last night, is one of the class of plays to which "The Gilded Age" and "The Big Bonanza" belong, but it is much more closely allied to the former than the latter. This record or a fact, after having seen the play, is but the verification of a pre-conceived idea, formed by reading humorous accounts of the oddities of *Hon. Bardwell Slote*. The name is dubious, but the many others who take an interest in dramatic literature and dramatic creations, "The Gilded Age" was an elaboration of an original idea. It was a new dramatic departure. *Col. Sellers* took the fancy of the public and thousands went to hear him tell of his gigantic enterprises and of his intimate friendship with *Senator Dilworthy*. The play writers have not been slow to observe the success of Twain's invention. "The Big Bonanza" soon followed "The Gilded Age," now we have "The Mighty Dollar," and doubtless there are others yet to come, the central plan in all of which will be nearly the same. Of course the variations will be enough to invest the play and the leading characters with fresh interest. "The Mighty Dollar" we do not wish to be understood as depreciating in the least. It is very funny, and with Mr. Florence as *Hon. Bardwell Slote* and his charming wife as *Mrs. Gen. Gilflory* it affords as much genuine pleasure as any play that has been brought out in Pittsburgh this season. It will, in all probability, draw as large audiences as its relatives did.

Fifth Avenue Theatre.

That inimitable troupe, the Harrigan & Hart Combination, opened a week's engagement at the Fifth Avenue Comedy Theatre last night. The house was not only crowded, but fairly jammed. For pure, unadulterated fun, the "Doyle Brothers," with Harrigan and Hart in the title *role*, can not be excelled, and this the people well know. The indications last evening were that the present engagement will be fully as successful as the one the same company filled in the same theatre two or three months ago, and that was simply astonishing, crowded houses greeting them every night. The bill will be repeated this evening.

Library Hall.

Blind Tom, "The Musical Phenomenon of the Age," as he is justly styled, appears at this place of amusement this evening. His astonishing musical ability, coupled with his blindness, renders him in all other intellectual respects, make him a curiosity, while the sweet and perfect harmony that he evolves from the piano, which is almost sentient under his touch, never fails to thoroughly charm his audience and make them forget his color and defects, or, if remembering them, to increase the wonder.

Tableaux Vivant.

Library Hall will be occupied next Thursday evening with a very charming entertainment. It will consist of tableaux vivant, given for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Society of Allegheny. The object alone would draw a large audience, but when the entertainment itself is to be of such an excellent character, the spacious hall will doubtless be crowded.

Trimble's Varieties.

A new company holds forth at Trimble's Varieties this week, and as the maintenance of the excellent reputation of the place is always a primary object with Mr. Aims in securing new features, it may be taken for granted that the company is one of superior excellence. Among new names we notice those of Alice Bateman, Wm. Noonan, James Dalton, Minnie Kaye, Bodworth and Kaye, and numerous others, all of whom have already achieved reputations.

Old Folk's Concert.

An old folk's concert, under the direction of Prof. Walter B. Slack, will be given on Thursday evening at the Third U. P. church, on Ridge street, Allegheny.

Coughs.—A Medicinal Preparation in the form of a *lozenge* is the most convenient. "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" allay irritation which induces coughing, giving relief in Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Influenza, Consumption and Asthmatic complaints. TTH-S.

Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph Office, at 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the steamer Italia, at New York; steamer State of Pennsylvania, at New York; steamer Germanic, at New York; steamer Baltic, at Queenstown; steamer City of Richmond, at Queenstown; steamer Aug. Andre, at Antwerp.

Hotel Proprietors

who are about fitting up their tables and bars with glassware, will find the best stock in the city at E. D. Weyburn & Co., 99 Smithfield street.

THE NORTH SIDE TRAGEDY.

Inquest Last Night—The Case Still Involved in Mystery—No Verdict Yet.

Coroner McCallin held the inquest last evening upon the body of Peter Helfrich, who was found dead on Madison avenue Sunday morning with a wound upon his head, and his pockets rifled. As will be seen by the notes of the testimony that follow, the evidence was of a very unsatisfactory nature. It was clearly proven, however, that the deceased was paid $15 Saturday evening, and that when found he had no money. In tracing him up from the time he got the money until he was left upon the avenue it was shown that he had spent no more than one dollar; so that $14 were still to be accounted for, if the supposition that he fell while drunk and killed himself is correct. The man was found *lying upon his back*, with his head hanging over the curb-stone; yet the physician testifies that death was produced from concussion of the brain, caused by a heavy blow upon the forehead. If death was caused by concussion of the brain, produced by a fall, the only admissible inference is that he must have fallen upon his face and immediately become insensible, so that he could not have turned over upon his back. It follows, then, that either the statement that death resulted from concussion of the brain must be rejected and, inferentially, the cause of death attributed to something else, or, accepting the given cause of death, it must be attributed to a blow while the man was standing, throwing him upon his back. In support of the latter belief, the further fact is given that the skin upon the forehead was not broken at all, the wound being exactly such as would be produced by a blow from a handy-billy, or some other heavy, round substance, with a smooth surface. A fall heavy enough to produce such an effect by the man's head hitting the curbstone (the wound is too far back to admit of the belief that it was caused by striking the pavement or any other level, horizontal surface) must undoubtedly have broken the skin. It is not only improbable, but impossible that a man could fall upon a rough surface, in the manner it is said Helfrich fell, sufficiently hard to cause death without producing an abrasion, as well as a contusion. It is therefore thought, by most of those who reject the theory of murder, that the physician is mistaken, and his belief that death ensued from concussion of the brain, they asserting their belief that the man died from suffocation caused by the unnatural position of his head, stopping the ingress of air. Others still believe that the man died from heart disease. As either of the two latter theories is plausible, and as physicians, after an external examination of the remains cannot swear positively that concussion of the brain was the cause of death, it seems clearly and indubitably to be the duty of Coroner McCallin to order a *post mortem* examination to be held. Indeed, it is to many a matter of surprise that one has not already been held. The holding of a *post mortem* in a case of this nature is as undoubtedly necessary as the holding of an inquest, and should certainly be ordered as an initiatory measure.

THE TESTIMONY.

The first witness sworn was Robert Tallent. He testified that he was employed on the A. V. R. R., and that on Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, while walking up Madison avenue on his way home, he saw a man lying upon the sidewalk, at the corner of Liberty street, and supposing that he was drunk, he passed on. When he got to his home he spoke of the matter to his wife, who said that the man might freeze to death. He thereupon went in search of an officer, and when Officer Campbell and he then went down and found the man—whom he supposed to be drunk—dead. From the time he passed the man until he returned with the officer, not more than ten minutes passed. He assisted in taking the body to the station House. The pocket on the right side of the pantaloons was turned inside out.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

"The Mighty Dollar," which had its initial presentation in Pittsburgh last night, is one of the class of plays to which "The Gilded Age" and "The Big Bonanza" belong, but it is much more closely allied to the former than the latter. This record or a fact, after having seen the play, is but the verification of a pre-conceived idea, formed by reading humorous accounts of the oddities of *Hon. Bardwell Slote*. The name is dubious, but the many others who take an interest in dramatic literature and dramatic creations, "The Gilded Age" was an elaboration of an original idea. It was a new dramatic departure. *Col. Sellers* took the fancy of the public and thousands went to hear him tell of his gigantic enterprises and of his intimate friendship with *Senator Dilworthy*. The play writers have not been slow to observe the success of Twain's invention. "The Big Bonanza" soon followed "The Gilded Age," now we have "The Mighty Dollar," and doubtless there are others yet to come, the central plan in all of which will be nearly the same. Of course the variations will be enough to invest the play and the leading characters with fresh interest. "The Mighty Dollar" we do not wish to be understood as depreciating in the least. It is very funny, and with Mr. Florence as *Hon. Bardwell Slote* and his charming wife as *Mrs. Gen. Gilflory* it affords as much genuine pleasure as any play that has been brought out in Pittsburgh this season. It will, in all probability, draw as large audiences as its relatives did.

Fifth Avenue Theatre.

That inimitable troupe, the Harrigan & Hart Combination, opened a week's engagement at the Fifth Avenue Comedy Theatre last night. The house was not only crowded, but fairly jammed. For pure, unadulterated fun, the "Doyle Brothers," with Harrigan and Hart in the title *role*, can not be excelled, and this the people well know. The indications last evening were that the present engagement will be fully as successful as the one the same company filled in the same theatre two or three months ago, and that was simply astonishing, crowded houses greeting them every night. The bill will be repeated this evening.

Library Hall.

Blind Tom, "The Musical Phenomenon of the Age," as he is justly styled, appears at this place of amusement this evening. His astonishing musical ability, coupled with his blindness, renders him in all other intellectual respects, make him a curiosity, while the sweet and perfect harmony that he evolves from the piano, which is almost sentient under his touch, never fails to thoroughly charm his audience and make them forget his color and defects, or, if remembering them, to increase the wonder.

Tableaux Vivant.

Library Hall will be occupied next Thursday evening with a very charming entertainment. It will consist of tableaux vivant, given for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Society of Allegheny. The object alone would draw a large audience, but when the entertainment itself is to be of such an excellent character, the spacious hall will doubtless be crowded.

Trimble's Varieties.

A new company holds forth at Trimble's Varieties this week, and as the maintenance of the excellent reputation of the place is always a primary object with Mr. Aims in securing new features, it may be taken for granted that the company is one of superior excellence. Among new names we notice those of Alice Bateman, Wm. Noonan, James Dalton, Minnie Kaye, Bodworth and Kaye, and numerous others, all of whom have already achieved reputations.

Old Folk's Concert.

An old folk's concert, under the direction of Prof. Walter B. Slack, will be given on Thursday evening at the Third U. P. church, on Ridge street, Allegheny.

Coughs.—A Medicinal Preparation in the form of a *lozenge* is the most convenient. "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" allay irritation which induces coughing, giving relief in Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Influenza, Consumption and Asthmatic complaints. TTH-S.

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THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Record of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.

(*Before Judge McCandless.*)

George Noble, of this city, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Referred to Register Harper.

Carrier & Baum, bankrupts, Pittsburgh. Petition was presented asking the Court to discharge the assignees and appoint successors. Held under consideration.

Massachusetts Saving Bank vs. James Welsh. Order to show cause made returnable on the 3d prox.

James Kerwin, bankrupt, Butler county. Bankrupt discharged.

Silkman, Winton & Co. vs. Cossill & Dambrowski, of Luzerne county. Order to show cause made, returnable on the 21st inst.

Alexander Leggate, debtor, Allegheny. Register's report approved and resolution of composition ordered to be recorded and made binding upon all parties concerned.

J. L. Rousmaniere et al. vs. J. Dorsey Pastorius, of Crawford county. Petitioner's prayer for the examination of the debtor refused.

John Thorne et al. vs. Jas. Berry, Washington county. Restraining order granted against J. H. Hopkins and Wright, execution creditors.

Common Pleas No. 1.

(*Before Judges Stowe and Collier.*)

John Weigle et ux., for use, vs. William L. Morford et al. Jury withdrawn and case continued.

A. P. Bryan vs. Mary Ann Windsor, executrix of George W. Windsor, deceased. Verdict for plaintiff for $85.79, with interest from September 22, 1875.

Trial List for To-Day.

Sheriff, use vs. Elliott.
Weigle et al. vs. Marford et al.
Robinson vs. Federal Insurance Co.
Jackson vs. McKee et al.
Bole vs. Bradner et al.
Price et al vs. Reed.
Hanna vs. Frazier.
Paul vs. Meek et al.
Walter vs. Woods.
Same vs. Brown.
McClain vs. Kearney.
Ivory for use vs. Kohl.
Field et al. vs. Mulholland.
Wirtz vs. The A. V. R. R. Co.
Feutsch vs. Huffnagle et al.
Hartford vs. Duncan et al.

Common Pleas No. 2.

(*Before Judges Ewing and White.*)

George Carlysle et ux. vs. Robert Scott. Action to recover money loaned. On trial.

James Orr vs. George H. Adams, previously reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $406.

Wm. R. Mulholland vs. Daniel Herron and Michael Tooney, who survived Jas. M. Aloy, late co-partners. Verdict for plaintiff for $250.

John Hague vs. City of Pittsburgh. Verdict for plaintiff for $80.

Harriet Kuhn vs. Jacob H. Walters and W. V. Evans, executors of Abraham Walters. Action for services rendered. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,164.

John Ripper vs. Isaac Crown. Action to recover money on a contract. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Carlysle et al vs. Scott.
Graham, trustee, vs. Scheeper.
Kroegher vs. The Humboldt Fire Insurance Company.
Same vs. Birmingham Fire Insurance Company.
Davis vs. McClure.
Schlegel & Ziegler vs. King et al.
Snyder vs. McCann.
Davis, for use, vs. The Pittsburgh Insurance Company.
Same vs. Cash Insurance Company of Pittsburgh
Kinney vs. Kinney;
Dilworth vs. Metzer;
Paxson Bros. vs. Mason & Co;
McGregor receiver, vs. Mechling.

Criminal Court.

(*Before Judge Hawkins.*)

The March term of this Court opened yesterday with Judge Kirkpatrick on the bench. Nothing was done but to call the list off Grand and Petit jurors, and swear in the former, of which Wm. Thompson, of the Fifth ward, City, was made foreman. The Judge charged the Grand Jury before they retired, and called their attention to the importance of keeping certain classes of cases, out of Court; among these he mentioned false pretenses, larceny by bailee, and assault and battery. Many of these cases that are returned should never be sent into Court at all. No cases were tried yesterday.

Trial List for To-Day.

Commonwealth vs.		
Alex. Scott,		Worthy Dumbrill,
R. W. Sibbett,	2 cases,	Henry Russell, O. C. Maynard,
H. Sampson et al.		Louisa Dunbman,
C. F. Collins,		Chas. Steinhauser,
A. J. Scott,		Jno. Young et al.

Court Brevities.

THE Orphans' Court was in session yesterday and approved finally the accounts of one hundred and twenty executors and administrators.

THE Thompson case was not concluded yesterday. District Attorney Reed will make the closing address to-day, though possibly the case may not go to the jury before to-morrow.

THE Commonwealth National Bank has commenced suit in the Common Pleas Court No. 1 against W. W. Wattles & Co., to recover upon the forged check for $385 which a sharper passed upon the firm and the bank a week or two ago.

EITHER to-day or to-morrow the case of the United States vs. George Conner, *alias* George W. Clark, *alias* J. B. Johnson, *alias* Wm. Benson, will be taken up. Conner is the man who furnished Milton Fronk with the counterfeit money.

NO DECISION.

The Iron Operators and Puddlers Adjourn Without an Agreement—No Lockout at Present.

The conference held last night at the rooms of the Iron Association, on Fourth avenue, between representatives of the puddlers and iron manufacturers, adjourned about half past eleven o'clock without having accomplished anything definite. The puddlers declined to have their present wages of $4.75 per ton reduced, and the iron men refused to agree to pay more than $4 62½ per ton, which is an advance of 12½ cents over their proposition of two weeks ago. It will be remembered that in December last—we believe it was then—the iron men and boilers entered into an agreement, which was to continue in force until February 14th, that the puddlers were to receive $4.75. A couple of days previous to the expiration of the agreement a conference was called to fix the price for another period. The manufacturers asked a reduction and the puddlers refused to accede. In the ups and downs of at an amicable settlement it was decided to hold a series of conferences, during which the puddlers were to get $4.75, their present figures. Conference No. 2 was held last night, and as already stated, it resulted in nothing certain. After adjournment the manufacturers met and decided to leave the matter of wages to the workers in the respective mills. No lockout is apprehended for the reason that it is generally thought the operators will pay what the puddlers ask in preference to allowing their mills to lie idle. The puddlers say they will not take less than $4.75, and if the mills continue in operation they want it understood that they are getting that sum.

Bleeding From the Lungs, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Consumption. A Wonderful Cure.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 13th, 1874.

R. V. PIERCE, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir—I had suffered from Catarrh in an aggravated form for about twelve years, and for several years from Bronchial trouble. Tried many doctors and things with no lasting benefit, and in May, 1873, becoming nearly worn out with excessive Editorial labors on a paper in New York City, I was attacked with Bronchitis in a severe form, suffering almost a total loss of voice. I returned home here, but had been home only two weeks when I was completely prostrated with Hemorrhage from the Lungs, *having four severe bleeding spells within two weeks, and five three minute of bleeding*. Was then taken to the Rochester Hotel where I improved sufficiently to be able to be about though in a very feeble state. My Bronchial trouble remained and the Catarrh was fearful worse than before. Every effort for relief seemed fruitless. I seemed to be loosing ground daily. I continued in this feeble state, raising blood almost daily until about the first of March, 1875, when I became so bad as to be entirely confined to the house. A friend suggested your remedies; but I was extremely skeptical that they would do me good, as I had lost all heart in remedies, and began to look upon medicine and doctors with disgust. However, I obtained one of your circulars, and read it carefully, from which I came to the conclusion that you understood your business at least. I finally obtained a quantity of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets, and commenced their vigorous use according to directions. To my surprise I soon began to improve. The Discovery and Pellets, in a short time, brought out a severe eruption, which continued for several weeks. I felt much better, my appetite *improved*, and I gained in strength and flesh. In three months every vestige of the Catarrh was gone, the Bronchitis had nearly disappeared, had no Cough whatever, and I feel entirely ceased to raise blood; and, contrary to the expectations of some of my friends, the cure has remained permanent. I have had no more Hemorrhages from the Lungs, and am entirely free from Catarrh, from which I had suffered so much and so long. The debt of gratitude I owe for the blessing I have received at your hands, knows no bounds. I am thoroughly satisfied, from my experience, that your medicines will master the worst forms of that odious disease Catarrh, as well as Throat and Lung Diseases. I have recommended them to very many, and shall ever speak in their praise. Gratefully yours,

WM. H. SPENCER.

P. O. Box 507, Rochester, N. Y. TTH-S.

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There may be no truth in the reports that silver will soon be in active circulation, but our readers may rest assured that there is ample foundation for the reports that are getting raised abroad, that Messrs. J. P. Smith & Son, at No. 189 Liberty street, are offering a very superb line of SILVER PLATED WARE at extremely low prices. Call at their salesroom and be convinced.

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BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencillings of Passing Events.

····The Legislative Investigating Committee commences its labors this morning.

····Nearly all the glass manufactories on the South Side have resumed, or are about to resume, operations.

····Mrs. Schlid was robbed yesterday on Ferry street of fifty dollars. The thief was followed by the police, but he escaped.

····There were only eleven deaths in Allegheny City last week. Of the decedents ten were white and one colored; males seven, females four.

····Two of the detective force are now required to be at the Union Depot upon the arrival of every train, to "spot" the arrival of suspicious characters.

····McCord, the man charged with stealing iron blooms recently from Porter, Donaldson & Co., had a hearing yesterday before the Mayor, and was committed for trial.

····At the meeting of the Monongahela Wharf Committee last night, the receipts of the North Side wharf for February were stated to be $1,000, and the expenditures $158.38.

····The barn of A. M. Steel, near Greensburg, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning causing a loss of $4,000, against which there was full insurance in the Westmoreland Mutual.

····Mrs. Milton Hays and her child were severely bruised on Sunday evening by being thrown from a buggy, while they were out driving with Mr. Hays on Penn avenue. The horse got frightened and ran away.

····Kate Fried, the domestic accused of stealing j